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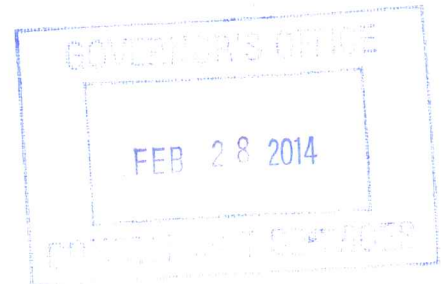
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Dear Governor Patrick,



I am proud to inform you that the Massachusetts Section of the American College of Prosthodontists will celebrate its second "National Prosthodontics Awareness Week" this April 6-12. We would like to ask for your support of the future oral health for adults. Prosthodontics is the American Dental Association recognized specialty that encompasses diagnosing, treatment planning, restoring, and replacing the natural teeth in order to rehabilitate and maintain the function, comfort, appearance and health of patients.

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The American Dental Association recognizes prosthodontists as dental specialists with two to three years of additional training after dental school in the prevention and treatment of tooth loss. They have a highly skilled understanding of the dynamics of a smile, the preservation of a healthy mouth and the creation of tooth replacements. Prosthodontists also maintain a strong commitment to the dental health care needs of older patients, individuals with congenital anomalies, and those who have been affected by oral cancer.

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Tooth loss happens from decay, gum disease, traumatic injury, cancer or wear. Losing teeth places stress on the mouth's structures and shape causing the bone to shrink and possibly changing a person's facial appearance. Many adults who do not replace their missing teeth suffer poor self-esteem, premature aging, poor diet, loss of function and social embarrassment. By utilizing dental implants, fixed bridgework, removable partial dentures and complete dentures a prosthodontists' expertise can change a smile and a life.

The goals of National Prosthodontics Awareness Week are:

- To raise public awareness about the critical importance of mouth health;
- To raise public awareness on how to best care for missing teeth; and
- To increase awareness about the services provided by prosthodontists in their local communities, including probono care.

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The American College of Prosthodontists' mission is to provide the highest standard of patient care, work closely with other dental professionals to provide the most comprehensive and effective treatments, and improve the quality of patients' lives. On behalf of our national organization, which represents more than 3000 members across the country I hope you will provide us with a proclamation stating that Massachusetts recognizes April 6-12 as National Prosthodontics Awareness Week.

I would be honored for you to consider this request and for your support of the prosthodontic specialty. The Massachusetts section of the ACP hopes to receive this proclamation by March 28th. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. The proclamation may be sent to:

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Thank you for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

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