

House Resolution By:  
Representatives [Insert names of representatives]

## **A RESOLUTION**

Recognizing [INSERT DATE] as "Give Kids A Smile Day®"; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, the physical and mental health of our children is critical to the future well-being of our state and development of our nation. Guarding the health of our children and youth is imperative for society; and

WHEREAS, an important component of a child's general health is dental health, and learning and maintaining a routine of good oral hygiene is an important step in developing a healthy body; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Surgeon General in 2000 declared a "silent epidemic" of untreated dental disease in thousands upon thousands of children in twenty-first century America who can't eat or sleep properly, can't pay attention in school, and can't smile because they're suffering from this easily preventable condition; and

WHEREAS, oral disease, the most prevalent chronic disease of childhood, continues to disproportionately affect low-income children; and

WHEREAS, the state recognizes the need to appropriately fund programs for dental services for [INSERT NAME OF STATE] children to make proper dental care and treatment accessible to all.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that [INSERT DATE], is recognized as "Give Kids A Smile® Day" in [INSERT NAME OF STATE] where dentists will provide free dental care, free dental screenings, and free oral health kits containing toothbrush, toothpaste, and educational materials for thousands of [INSERT NAME OF STATE] children.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the [INSERT STATE DENTAL SOCIETY].