**Sample Proclamation Text**

WHEREAS, over 120 million Americans are missing one or more teeth affecting their personal appearance and oral function; and

WHEREAS, adults that are missing teeth or have failing teeth often suffer from poor self-esteem, declining oral health, and negative overall health; and

WHEREAS, a prosthodontist is the dental specialist who focuses on the restoration or replacement of missing or damaged teeth through dentures, veneers, implants, and the use of digital technology; and

WHEREAS, prosthodontists go through three or more years of advanced training, beyond dental school, in the diagnosis, treatment planning, restoration and replacement of natural teeth to maintain or improve the function, comfort, appearance and health of patients; and

WHEREAS, National Prosthodontics Awareness Week will help raise public awareness of the critical importance of maintaining good oral health and give a message of hope to those with missing or damaged teeth.

NOW, THEREFORE, I \_(Public Official)\_\_\_ do hereby proclaim April 21 through April 27, 2024, as Prosthodontics Awareness Week in \_\_\_(Town/City/State)\_\_\_.