

## 2020 SESSION

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### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 104

*Designating April 19-25, in 2020 and the final full week in April in each succeeding year, as National Prosthodontics Awareness Week in Virginia.*

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, January 29, 2020

Agreed to by the Senate, March 3, 2020

WHEREAS, an estimated 120 million Americans are missing one or more teeth, a condition that not only affects overall health, but also affects an individual's self-image and job prospects; and

WHEREAS, a prosthodontist is a dental specialist who focuses on repairing or replacing missing or damaged teeth; prosthodontists have advanced training in the use of dentures, dental implants, and digital technology to deliver life-changing treatments; and

WHEREAS, the American College of Prosthodontists (ACP) is a national, nonprofit organization recognized by the American Dental Association as representing the prosthodontic specialty and its practitioners; and

WHEREAS, the ACP established National Prosthodontics Awareness Week to raise awareness of the ways dental prostheses can increase an individual's quality of life; during the event in 2019, hundreds of ACP members gave lectures, hosted activities, and completed pro bono dental work; and

WHEREAS, National Prosthodontics Awareness Week provides an opportunity for dentists, educators, and government officials to stress the importance of good oral health and deliver a message of hope to people with missing or damaged teeth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly designate April 19-25, in 2020 and the final full week in April in each succeeding year, as National Prosthodontics Awareness Week in Virginia; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House transmit a copy of this resolution to the American College of Prosthodontists so that members of the organization may be apprised of the sense of the General Assembly of Virginia in this matter; and, be it

RESOLVED FINALLY, That the Clerk of the House post the designation of this week on the General Assembly's website.

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