



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### THE DENTAL COLLEGE OF GEORGIA'S 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

**WHEREAS:** The Dental College of Georgia welcomed its first class of students in 1969, as a result of the efforts of many individuals, but lead by Drs. Judson C. Hickey, Louis Boucher and Thomas Zwemer, with the goal of preparing young people to provide compassionate, innovative oral health care for the citizens of Georgia and beyond by emphasizing education, patient care, research, and service. Fifty years later, the goal remains the same; and

**WHEREAS:** The sole dental college in the state, there are nearly 400 students and 60 residents enrolled annually; and

**WHEREAS:** There are currently eight residency programs including Advanced Education in General Dentistry, Endodontics, General Practice, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Orthodontics, Pediatric Dentistry, Periodontics, and Prosthodontics. Additionally, there is a fellowship in Esthetic and Implant Dentistry. Each of these programs provide advanced education in specialized areas of dentistry; and

**WHEREAS:** For over thirteen years, The Dental College of Georgia has been responsible for community outreach through the Health Resources Service Administration funding with senior dental students providing oral health services at more than 25 different clinical sites in underserved areas of Georgia, including clinics in Albany, the greater Atlanta area, Augusta, Columbus, Dalton, Gainesville, Greensboro, Jonesboro, Rochelle, Savannah, and Waynesboro; now

**THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 26, 2019, as a day to recognize THE DENTAL COLLEGE OF GEORGIA'S 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Terrell K. Fleming*

CHIEF OF STAFF