

Proclamation
Oral Cancer Awareness Week
June 21-27, 2009

- Whereas: This year in Maryland, almost 600 people will be diagnosed with oral cancer and approximately 130 people will die from the disease; and
- Whereas: Oral cancer is highly preventable if the correct steps are taken, such as adults over 40 years of age receiving an annual oral cancer exam from their dental or medical provider; and
- Whereas: Ninety percent of those diagnosed with oral cancer use tobacco products of some kind and quitting the use of all tobacco products significantly reduces the risk of developing oral cancer; and
- Whereas: The partnership between the State Office of Oral Health and the Maryland Tobacco Quitline supports the link between cessation programs and the reduction of oral cancer; and
- Whereas: The (YOUR TOWN/CITY) is proud to join the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene in supporting the early detection of oral cancer and prevention of the disease through promoting tobacco cessation programs and providing oral cancer screenings.

Now, therefore, I, (OFFICIAL'S NAME), (OFFICIAL'S TITLE), do hereby proclaim June 21-27, 2009 as Oral Cancer Awareness Week in (YOUR TOWN/CITY), and do commend this observance to all our citizens.