

Proclamation

Board of County Commissioners
Bucks County, Pennsylvania

WHEREAS, good oral health is an important component to an individual's overall health; and

WHEREAS, oral health can offer many clues about an individual's overall well-being. Recent studies have suggested connections between oral health and diabetes, cardiac disease, as well as arthritis; and

WHEREAS, some basic principles to follow when practicing good oral health include spending at least three minutes brushing your teeth two times a day, using floss at least once a day every day to clean between your teeth and buying only ADA-approved dental cleaning tools and toothpaste; and

WHEREAS, quality dental care is often inaccessible to low-wage earning adults, even those who qualify for Medicaid or an Affordable Care Act insurance subsidy; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, HealthLink opened its doors and served the community by providing care to "bridge the gap" between those who qualified for Medicaid coverage and those who could afford healthcare coverage; and

WHEREAS, compassionate care at HealthLink combines the expertise of dedicated professionals, supplemented by volunteers, to provide a fiscally responsible and streamlined approach to providing preventative and restorative dental care; and

NOW THEREFORE, do we, the Board of Bucks County Commissioners, Chairman Robert G. Loughery, Charles H. Martin and Diane M. Ellis-Marseglia, LCSW, proclaim April 2016 as "BUCKS COUNTY ORAL HEALTH MONTH" throughout the County of Bucks.


In so doing, we salute HealthLink and its 15-year commitment to the well-being of the community and its mission to focus solely on expanding its free adult dental clinic allowing more residents the ability to receive free restorative and preventative dental care.




Robert G. Loughery
Chairman


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Lynn T. Bush
Chief Clerk
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