



**Minnesota**  
DENTAL HYGIENISTS'  
ASSOCIATION

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Dear President Perpich, MDA members, and guests,

It is with great pleasure that I bring greetings from the Minnesota Dental Hygienists' Association (MnDHA)! What a busy and exciting year it has been; we have no intention of slowing down this fall.

We recently celebrated 100 years of leadership in oral health at our ADHA 2024 national conference. In person meetings not only help us absorb new information, but they also allow us to come together as one.

Speaking of collaboration, we are thrilled your association and ours worked together to pass the licensure compact bill this year. This initiative, certainly, will help to expedite mobility of the workforce and increase access to care. We were pleased to support other oral health initiatives with MDA this legislative session and appreciate your leadership on these issues.

MnDHA, through its social media presence, is working hard at strengthening our communication efforts and visibility. We are creating multiple strategies to increase membership and to build a more knowledgeable, caring, and supportive community. Member TouchPoint series, student networking events, Special Olympics Special Smiles, Head and Neck Cancer Walk, the Oral Cancer Walk, and TeamSmile have brought many members and nonmembers together to strengthen efforts toward inclusion and service. With that being said, we encourage the hygienists in your offices to be a part of MnDHA, a community that empowers, develops, and supports!

On behalf of MnDHA leadership and members, we wish you a successful and inspiring meeting as you undertake the business of the Minnesota Dental Association House of Delegates. Thank you for the work you do to provide dental services for all.

Sincerely,

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