

PROCLAMATION MELANOMA AND SKIN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

- Whereas:** It is imperative that communities across Canada be reminded of the importance of sun safety;
- And Whereas:** Over-exposure to UV radiation is one of the major causes of melanoma and non-melanoma skin cancers;
- And Whereas:** Skin cancer is the most common of all cancers. 1 in 6 Canadians born in the 1990s will get skin cancer in their lifetimes;
- And Whereas:** Many people seek sun without taking the advisable precautionary measures and are unaware that any darkening of skin color, including a tan, is indicative of UV damage;
- And Whereas:** Skin self-examinations should be performed on a monthly basis because skin cancers are highly treatable when detected early;
- And Whereas:** Save Your Skin Foundation is dedicated to the fight against non-melanoma skin cancers, melanoma and ocular melanoma through nationwide education, advocacy, and awareness initiatives;
- Be It Therefore Resolved:** That CBRM Mayor Amanda M. McDougall and Council, proclaim May 2021 as “**Melanoma and Skin Cancer Awareness Month**” in the Cape Breton Regional Municipality.

Councillor Steve Parsons – CBRM District 7

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