



## PROCLAMATION

### Melanoma and Skin Cancer Awareness Month

May 2021

**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 and that 1 in 6 Canadians born in the 1990s will get skin cancer in their lifetime; and

**Whereas** many people seek sun without taking the advisable precautionary measures and are unaware that any darkening of skin colour, 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;

**Therefore**, I, Mayor Bryan Paterson, on behalf of Kingston City Council, hereby proclaim the month of May 2021 to be "Melanoma and Skin Cancer Awareness Month" in the City of Kingston.

**Dated** at Kingston this 7th day of April, 2021.

Bryan Paterson  
Mayor

