

## PROCLAMATION

### *Melanoma and Skin Cancer Awareness Month*

**May 1st to 31st, 2025**

#### **"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 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:

NOW THEREFORE I, the Honourable Dr. John Haggie, Acting Minister of Health and Community Services of Newfoundland and Labrador, do hereby proclaim May 2025, as "Melanoma and Skin Cancer Awareness Month" in Newfoundland and Labrador.



Honourable Dr. John Haggie  
Acting Minister of Health and Community Services

**Date**