

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS It is imperative that communities across Canada be reminded if 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 cancers is the most common of all cancers. 1 in 6 Canadians born in the 1990's 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 initiative:

NOW THEREFORE, I, Matthew Shoemaker, as Mayor of the City of Sault Ste. Marie, do hereby proclaim the month of **May 2025** as "**MELANOMA AND SKIN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**" in of Sault Ste. Marie.

Signed,

Matthew Shoemaker

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MAYOR