



## PROCLAMATION

### Melanoma and Skin Cancer Awareness Month May 2025

**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, Mayor Jones, of the District of North Saanich, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM May 2025 as “Melanoma and Skin Cancer Awareness Month” in the District of North Saanich.

Dated this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2025.

Peter Jones, Mayor

Lyndsay K. Alexander,  
Deputy Corporate Officer