

Melanoma and Skin Cancer Awareness Month

May 2025

WHEREAS this month we raise awareness of the need to practice sun safety and highlight the risks of overexposure to the sun as the warmer weather begins.

Overexposure to the sun's UV radiation is one of the major causes of melanoma and non-melanoma skin cancers. It is important to note that a tan or any darkening of skin, represents UV damage. Approximately one in six Canadians born in the 1990s will get skin cancer in their lifetime.

Most cases of skin cancer are preventable by following precautionary measures such as wearing a hat, applying broad-spectrum sunscreen and performing monthly skin self-examinations.

The City of Toronto acknowledges with gratitude, organizations that are committed to providing support and resources for the well-being of Toronto residents. Through education, fundraising and support, the health of our communities are improved.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor Olivia Chow, on behalf of Toronto City Council, do hereby proclaim May 2025 as "Melanoma and Skin Cancer Awareness Month" in the City of Toronto.

Olivia Chow Mayor of Toronto

