



Canada
Province of British Columbia
A Proclamation

CHARLES THE THIRD, by the Grace of God, King of Canada
and His other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth

To all to whom these presents shall come – Greeting

WHEREAS skin cancers are among the most common cancers impacting people in British Columbia, and

WHEREAS skin cancers—including melanoma, the most aggressive type—can require a range of treatments and may have a substantial impact on the lives of those who are diagnosed and their families, and

WHEREAS the key to preventing skin cancer is lifelong protection of one’s skin from the sun and other sources of ultraviolet (UV) radiation, and

WHEREAS the prevalence and impact of skin cancers can be reduced through sun safety practices, regular skin self-examinations and early detection, which are crucial to treatment outcomes, and

WHEREAS the government of British Columbia, health partners such as BC Cancer, advocacy groups such as the Save Your Skin Foundation, and communities all have a role in promoting sun safety practices and providing skin cancer education, and

WHEREAS Melanoma and Skin Cancer Awareness Month is an opportunity to highlight the importance of sun safety and the prevention of skin cancers, as well as show support for those in British Columbia who are impacted by melanoma and other skin cancers;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that May 2025 shall be known as

“Melanoma and Skin Cancer Awareness Month”

in the Province of British Columbia.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Our Province of British Columbia to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS, The Honourable Leonard Marchand, Administrator of Our Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Vancouver, in Our Province, this second day of May, two thousand twenty-five and in the third year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND.

Attorney General and Deputy Premier

Administrator