

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;

WHEREAS over-exposure to UV radiation is one of the major causes of melanoma and non-melanoma skin cancers;

WHEREAS skin cancer is the most common of all cancers, with 1 in 6 Canadians born in the 1990s expected to develop skin cancer in their lifetime;

WHEREAS many people seek sun exposure without taking advisable precautionary measures and are unaware that any darkening of skin color, including a tan, is indicative of UV damage;

WHEREAS skin self-examinations should be performed on a monthly basis, as skin cancers are highly treatable when detected early;

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.

THEREFORE, I, the Honourable Mark McLane, Minister of Health and Wellness, do hereby recognize the month of May 2025 as Melanoma and Skin Cancer Awareness Month in the Province of Prince Edward Island.

Signed in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island on the 24th day of March 2025.

Hon. Mark McLane, Minister of Health and Wellness, Prince Edward Island