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DELAWARE STATE SENATE  
149th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25

CONTINUING TO RAISE AWARENESS THAT THE MONTH OF MAY IS MELANOMA AND SKIN CANCER  
DETECTION AND PREVENTION MONTH IN DELAWARE AND CELEBRATING NEW RESEARCH PREDICTING  
LOWER MELANOMA RATES.

1 WHEREAS, since 2009, May has been permanently designated in the Delaware Code as Melanoma and Skin Care  
2 Cancer Detection and Prevention Month in Delaware; and

3 WHEREAS, it continues to be important to raise awareness of this too often deadly form of cancer; and

4 WHEREAS, exposure to ultraviolet rays is the most significant environmental factor which leads to cancer; and

5 WHEREAS, melanoma is curable if detected and treated in its early stages; and

6 WHEREAS, melanoma accounts for only one percent of all skin cancer cases, but the vast majority of skin cancer  
7 related deaths; and

8 WHEREAS, melanoma is one of the most common cancers in young adults; and

9 WHEREAS, melanoma incidence rates have been increasing for at least 30 years; and

10 WHEREAS, there will be an estimated 9,730 melanoma related deaths in the U.S. in 2017; and

11 WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society estimates that in 2017 there will be 340 newly diagnosed cases of  
12 melanoma in Delaware and 87,110 newly diagnosed cases of melanoma nationally; and

13 WHEREAS, May is recognized across the United States as National Melanoma and Skin Cancer Detection and  
14 Prevention Month; and

15 WHEREAS, researchers at the European Cancer Congress 2017 predict that death rates in the U.S. from malignant  
16 melanoma will be 2 ½ to 3 times lower in 2050 than in 1995-2005; and

17 WHEREAS, the researchers credit the decrease in melanoma death rates to increases in skin protection and  
18 advances in medical treatments; and

19 WHEREAS, continued advocacy and public awareness is needed to maintain the progress made in skin protection  
20 and sunscreen use;

21 NOW THEREFORE:

22 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the 149<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the House concurring  
23 therein, that there is a continuing need to raise awareness that the month of May is Melanoma and Skin Cancer Detection  
24 and Prevention Month in Delaware.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Assembly celebrates new research predicting lower melanoma  
26 death rates.

#### SYNOPSIS

This resolution continues to raise awareness that the month of May is Melanoma and Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month in Delaware and celebrates new research predicting lower melanoma rates.

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