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DELAWARE STATE SENATE  
151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 51

CONTINUING TO RAISE AWARENESS THAT THE MONTH OF MAY IS "MELANOMA AND SKIN CANCER  
DETECTION AND PREVENTION" MONTH IN DELAWARE

1 WHEREAS, §606 of Title 1 permanently designates the month of May as Melanoma and Skin Cancer Detection  
2 and Prevention Month; and

3 WHEREAS, skin cancer is one of the most common and one of the most preventable forms of cancer; and

4 WHEREAS, exposure to ultraviolet rays from sunlight and tanning devices is a common risk factor of the disease;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society estimated that in 2021 there will be 130 newly diagnosed cases in  
7 Delaware and 106,110 cases nationally; and

8 WHEREAS, while the risk of being diagnosed increases with age, research shows that melanoma is one of the  
9 most common cancers in young adults; and

10 WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention released a progress update on indicators for skin  
11 cancer prevention; and

12 WHEREAS, the progress report noted that shade and sunscreen use were low among construction and agricultural  
13 workers, indoor tanning continued to decline among high school students, and lack of time was a barrier to clinical  
14 counseling on skin cancer prevention; and

15 WHEREAS, continued advocacy and public awareness is needed to maintain the progress made in skin protection  
16 and the importance of early detection; and

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

19 NOW, THEREFORE:

20 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the 151st General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the House of  
21 Representatives concurring therein, that there is a continuing need to raise awareness that the month of May is Melanoma  
22 and Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month in Delaware.

SYNOPSIS

This resolution raises awareness that the month of May is Melanoma and Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month in Delaware and celebrates ongoing research that lowers melanoma rates.

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