

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

SKIN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH MAY 2025

WHEREAS, more than 9,500 Americans are diagnosed with skin cancer every day with more than two Americans dying of the disease every hour; and

WHEREAS, the skin cancer mortality rate for North Dakotans between 2017 and 2021 was 1.8 per 100,000, and the skin cancer incident rate from the same time period was 26.3 per 100,000, and it is estimated that 6% of North Dakotans have been told they have skin cancer; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans enjoy the outdoors throughout the year with sun exposure the greatest during spring, summer and fall months, and the most common skin cancers are associated with exposure to ultraviolet radiation from the sun; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 26,000 farmers and ranchers and other people in occupations in North Dakota who work mainly outdoors with an increased exposure to the sun leading to an increased risk of skin cancer; and

WHEREAS, individuals can take steps to reduce their risk of developing skin cancer as well as sunburns, premature skin aging and eye damage by being sun safe; and

WHEREAS, the American Academy of Dermatology established "Melanoma Monday" to be the first Monday in May to raise awareness about the most serious form of skin cancer; and

WHEREAS, the National Council on Skin Cancer Prevention has designated the Friday before Memorial Day as "Don't Fry Day" to raise awareness of skin cancer prevention and to encourage everyone to protect their skin.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim
May 2025, SKIN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH in the State of North Dakota.




Kelly Armstrong
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Michael Howe
SECRETARY OF STATE