

# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, skin cancer is the most common cancer in the nation; and

*WHEREAS*; Skin cancer is primarily caused by exposure to ultraviolet radiation and can be categorized into two different categories: melanoma and non-melanoma; and

*WHEREAS*; the American Cancer Society estimates that in 2023, there will be more than 97,000 new cases of melanoma diagnosed in the United States, and nearly 8,000 people will die from melanoma; and

*WHEREAS*; the Skin Cancer Foundation further states that one in five people in the United States will develop skin cancer by the time they turn 70, that being sunburnt five or more times doubles your risk of melanoma, and more Americans are diagnosed with skin cancer every year than all other cancers combined; and

*WHEREAS*; although skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in America, it is one of the most preventable forms of cancer, and individuals can lower their risk of developing skin cancer by restricting their time in the sun, applying broad-spectrum sunscreen often when outside, covering their skin, and avoiding tanning beds; and

*WHEREAS*; this month is designated to bring further awareness to the condition and help to eliminate skin cancer worldwide, and individuals can do this by practicing safe sun exposure, performing skin self-exams, getting screened for skin cancer, and educating others; and

*WHEREAS*; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins the skin cancer community throughout the state in increasing public awareness of skin cancer through advocacy, education, and supporting research;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim May 2023, as

## SKIN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state's residents.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May 2023.

TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

  
SARAH GODLEWSKI  
Secretary of State