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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Melanoma is the most lethal form of skin cancer,
3 accounting for nearly 75% of skin cancer deaths despite
4 representing a smaller portion of total skin cancer cases; and

5 WHEREAS, In 2025, approximately 104,960 new cases of
6 melanoma are expected to be diagnosed in the United States,
7 with an estimated 8,430 deaths; and

8 WHEREAS, Melanoma can spread rapidly and metastasize to
9 distant parts of the body, drastically reducing survival rates
10 when not detected early; and

11 WHEREAS, Early detection is crucial; when melanoma is
12 caught in its earliest stages, the five-year survival rate is
13 approximately 99%, but that rate drops significantly once the
14 cancer has spread; and

15 WHEREAS, While excessive ultraviolet (UV) radiation
16 exposure is a major risk factor, genetic predispositions also
17 contribute substantially to melanoma risk, with approximately
18 10% of all cases being hereditary; and

19 WHEREAS, The Melanoma Research Foundation urges both the
20 public and healthcare providers to prioritize prevention and

1 regular screening to detect melanoma early; and

2 WHEREAS, Preventative actions can dramatically reduce the
3 risk of developing melanoma and improve outcomes; therefore,
4 be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
6 HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
7 we encourage all residents to follow the prevention guidance
8 provided by the Melanoma Research Foundation, which includes:

9 (1) Seek shade when possible, particularly between the
10 hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. when UV rays are
11 strongest; checking the daily UV index can help inform
12 decisions about outdoor activities;

13 (2) Cover up and use broad-spectrum sunscreen with an
14 SPF of 30 or higher and wear sun-protective clothing
15 year-round; apply sunscreen 15 minutes before sun exposure
16 and reapply every two hours or after swimming or sweating;
17 be aware that 80% of UV rays can penetrate clouds, and
18 water, sand, and snow reflect and intensify exposure;

19 (3) Avoid tanning and sunburns entirely; there is no
20 such thing as a safe tan; one indoor tanning session
21 increases the risk of developing melanoma by 75%; skin
22 damage is cumulative and significantly increases long-term
23 cancer risk; and

24 (4) Perform monthly self-skin exams; individuals are

1 most likely to be the first to notice suspicious changes;
2 regularly inspect skin and moles using the ABCDEs of
3 melanoma, asymmetry, border irregularity, color variation,
4 diameter over 6mm, and evolving shape or color; photograph
5 moles or use mole-mapping apps to track changes and use
6 mirrors to examine hard-to-see areas; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That we urge Illinois healthcare providers to
8 promote early skin checks and educate patients on both UV
9 safety and genetic risk factors for melanoma; and be it
10 further

11 RESOLVED, That we support increased funding for melanoma
12 education, outreach, and screening programs throughout the
13 State; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
15 delivered to the Melanoma Research Foundation and be made
16 available to the public as part of an awareness campaign
17 during National Skin Cancer Awareness Month in May.