State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

SKIN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

2023

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, skin cancer is the most prevalent form of cancer in the United States; and

WHEREAS, while people of all races and colors in North Carolina can develop skin cancer, those with lighter natural skin color or skin that burns, freckles, reddens easily, or becomes painful in the sun, are most at risk; and

WHEREAS, individuals living in North Carolina were diagnosed with melanoma – the deadliest type of skin cancer – at a rate of 25.1 per 100,000 population from 2016 through 2020, and died from melanoma at a rate of 2.1 per 100,000 population during that five-year period; and

WHEREAS, skin cancer is also considered one of the most preventable cancers, and people can actively reduce their risk of skin cancer by applying sunscreen, wearing sun protective clothing and sunglasses, seeking shade, avoiding tanning devices, and visiting a dermatologist yearly; and

WHEREAS, the Friday before Memorial Day is National Don't Fry Day, raising awareness of sun safety and encouraging everyone to take steps to protect their skin, especially as the summer months begin; Don't Fry Day is an opportunity for all people to make a lifetime commitment to practice sun safety; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages people to protect themselves and their families against sun damage and to promote sun safety awareness and education in our communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May, 2023, as **"SKIN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH"** in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.

Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-eighth day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-three and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-seventh.