P R O C L A M A T I O N

CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

Melanoma and Skin Cancer Awareness Month

May 2026

WHEREAS It is imperative that communities across Canada be reminded of the importance of sun safety; and

WHEREAS Over-exposure to UV radiation is one of the major causes of melanoma and non-melanoma skin cancers; and

WHEREAS Skin cancer is the most common of all cancers. 1 in 6 Canadians born in the 1990s will get skin cancer in their lifetimes; and

WHEREAS Many people seek sun without taking the advisable precautionary measures and are unaware that any darkening of skin colour, including a tan, is indicative of UV damage; and

WHEREAS Skin self-examinations should be performed on a monthly basis because skin cancers are highly treatable when detected early; and

WHEREAS Save Your Skin Foundation is dedicated to the fight against non-melanoma skin cancers, melanoma and ocular melanoma through nationwide education, advocacy, and awareness initiatives: and

NOW THEREFORE I, Patrick Johnstone, Mayor of the City of New Westminster do hereby proclaim May 2026 as

MELANOMA AND SKIN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

In the City of New Westminster, Province of British Columbia.

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Patrick Johnstone
MAYOR