

**PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MAY AS SKIN CANCER DETECTION AND PREVENTION MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the United States, and more than 1 million cases of skin cancer will be diagnosed nationally this year with an expected 125 cases in Sonoma County alone; and

**WHEREAS**, the month of May is recognized by the American Cancer Society and the American Academy of Dermatology as Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month; and

**WHEREAS**, one American dies of melanoma every 62 minutes, and 90% of melanoma cases are directly caused by overexposure to sun and are readily preventable; and

**WHEREAS**, In California, melanoma incidence rates have increased over the past 16 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Sonoma County residents can take action to prevent skin cancer by following American Cancer Society guidelines: staying out of the sun between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm; wearing protective clothing and a broad-brimmed hat; using sunscreens with SPF 15 or greater; doing routine self-examinations to check for skin changes, and seeking prompt medical attention for any abnormalities

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors proclaims the month of May as Skin Cancer Prevention & Detection Month in Sonoma County.