



## ***Proclamation***

### **MELANOMA AND SKIN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH May 2024**

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. One in six 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.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Mayor Mike Savage, on behalf of Halifax Regional Council do hereby proclaim May 2024 as "Melanoma and Skin Cancer Awareness Month" in the Halifax Regional Municipality.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia  
this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 2024



Mike Savage  
Mayor