

Sunday, April 5, 2026

# Proclamation Request Form

## Contact Info

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**Organization Name**

**Is your organization a non-profit?**  Yes

## Proclamation Information

**Proclamation Name** Melanoma and Skin Cancer Awareness Month

**Start Date** Friday, May 1, 2026

**End Date** Sunday, May 31, 2026

### How is your proclamation is of interest and/or benefit to the citizens of Kingston?

Dear Mayor Bryan Paterson,

On behalf of the Save Your Skin Foundation, I am pleased to reach out to you with a request to once again proclaim May 1–31, 2026, as Melanoma and Skin Cancer Awareness Month in Kingston. As skin cancer is a largely preventable disease, it is imperative that all Canadians are aware of skin cancer and sun safety.

May marks the beginning of summer and is a critical time to remind communities across Canada of the importance of sun safety and skin cancer prevention. Over-exposure to UV radiation is one of the leading causes of melanoma and non-melanoma skin cancers. Despite being largely preventable, skin cancer diagnosis rates continue to rise, with 1 in 6 Canadians born in the 1990s expected to develop skin cancer in their lifetime.

Last year, over 50 municipalities and 9 provinces across Canada joined us in proclaiming May as Melanoma and Skin Cancer Awareness Month. By participating in this initiative, you will help raise awareness, educate your community, and promote sun safety practices.

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

Melanoma and Skin Cancer Awareness Month

May 1st to 31st,, 2026

**“MELANOMA AND SKIN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH”**

**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:

**NOW THEREFORE I, Bryan Paterson, Mayor of Kingston, do hereby proclaim May 2026, as “Melanoma and Skin Cancer Awareness Month” in Kingston.**

**Will this proclamation be presented at an event?**

No

**Include the proclamation in an ad under the City of Kingston banner in the Kingston Whig Standard? (Additional cost applies)**

No

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