

Proclamation



PROCLAMATION SKIN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH MAY 2018

WHEREAS, Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the United States, affecting 5 million individuals each year; one in five Americans will develop skin cancer in the course of a lifetime, and one in fifty will develop melanoma, which makes it the most common form of cancer in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the two most common forms of skin cancer basal cell and squamous cell carcinomas are highly curable; melanoma the third most common form of skin cancer is the deadliest skin cancer and one of the most common cancers for young adults and is on the rise nationwide and worldwide;

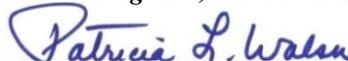
WHEREAS, recent studies indicate sun damage in childhood can lead to skin cancer later in life, it also shows young people are not using proper protection and still seek out indoor tanning facilities, melanoma will account for more than 80,000 cases of skin cancer in 2018, and

WHEREAS, the overall death rates from all cancers has decreased in the last three years, the incidence of all cancers continues to increase by over 4% with a rise in melanomas of the skin, especially in Morris and Somerset County; and

WHEREAS, skin cancer is a public health concern, the Regional Chronic Disease Coalition of Morris and Somerset and its partners are unified in promoting communitywide efforts to prevent skin cancer for everyone especially youth all year long.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Director of the Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders, to help save lives and raise awareness of skin cancer, do hereby support and recognize May Skin Cancer AWARENESS MONTH, and urge residents to talk with family and friends about the importance of EARLY DETECTION and PREVENTION measures and to educate ourselves and others about this disease.


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Michael J. Amorosa, Administrator/Clerk of the Board

May 8, 2018