

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 28—SENATORS COPENING;  
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MAY 5, 2009

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AND WOODBURY

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SUMMARY—Recognizes the second week in May as Melanoma  
and Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Week in  
Nevada and encourages the public to take measures  
to decrease incidents of skin cancer. (BDR R-743)

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Recognizing the  
second week in May as Melanoma and Skin Cancer  
Detection and Prevention Week in Nevada and  
encouraging the public to take measures to decrease  
incidents of skin cancer.

- 1 WHEREAS, One in five Americans will get skin cancer in his
- 2 lifetime; and
- 3 WHEREAS, More than one million new cases of skin cancer, a
- 4 potentially deadly disease and the most common of all types of
- 5 cancer, will be diagnosed in the United States this year; and



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1 WHEREAS, Most people do not realize that the skin is the largest  
2 and most visible organ of the body and performs many essential  
3 tasks; and

4 WHEREAS, Melanoma, the most deadly form of skin cancer, is  
5 now the fastest growing cancer in the United States, with cases  
6 increasing at an epidemic rate; and

7 WHEREAS, One American dies from melanoma every 62  
8 minutes, and 116,500 new cases of melanoma are projected to be  
9 diagnosed this year; and

10 WHEREAS, In 2008, 480 Nevadans were diagnosed with  
11 melanoma; and

12 WHEREAS, Melanoma is the second most common cancer in  
13 adolescents and young adults ages 15 to 29 and is the leading cause  
14 of cancer death in women ages 25 to 30 and the second only to  
15 breast cancer in women ages 30 to 34; and

16 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Health and Human  
17 Services has declared ultraviolet radiation from the sun and artificial  
18 sources, such as tanning beds and sun lamps, as a known  
19 carcinogen; and

20 WHEREAS, Evidence from several studies has shown that  
21 exposure to ultraviolet radiation from indoor tanning devices is  
22 associated with an increased risk of melanoma and nonmelanoma  
23 skin cancer such as squamous cell carcinoma and basal cell  
24 carcinoma, especially when a person is exposed at an early age; and

25 WHEREAS, More than 2.3 million teenagers use artificial tanning  
26 devices each year, and more than 25 percent of American teenagers  
27 have used tanning booths three or more times; and

28 WHEREAS, Skin damage from ultraviolet radiation is  
29 cumulative, and its adverse effects, including skin cancer and  
30 premature aging, often take years to become apparent; and

31 WHEREAS, Much of this damage occurs during the teenage years  
32 as evidenced by the fact that skin cancer is occurring in younger  
33 populations; and

34 WHEREAS, If detected and treated early, melanoma is often  
35 curable, with monthly self-examination being one of the most  
36 effective methods of early detection, as well as periodic checkups by  
37 a doctor; and

38 WHEREAS, Some simple precautions to take include avoiding  
39 the sun in peak hours, wearing protective clothing, using sunscreen  
40 and sunglasses, and avoiding tanning beds and sunlamps; and

41 WHEREAS, The Nevada Cancer Institute, the official cancer  
42 institute of the State of Nevada, combats melanoma by conducting  
43 inventive immunotherapy research, providing melanoma patients  
44 with cutting-edge treatments and clinical trials, and educating  
45 Nevadans on sun-safety behaviors; and



1 WHEREAS, Organizations such as the American Cancer Society  
2 and other statewide and local organizations collaborate as members  
3 of the Nevada Cancer Council to bring together and coordinate  
4 cancer prevention efforts, early detection, treatment, support and  
5 research to improve the quality of life for everyone in Nevada; now,  
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE  
8 ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the members of the 75th Session of  
9 the Nevada Legislature recognize melanoma as a serious health  
10 issue and urge all Nevadans to avail themselves of information  
11 concerning the prevention, early detection and treatment of  
12 melanoma to reduce the occurrence of this deadly form of cancer;  
13 and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the Nevada Legislature formally recognizes  
15 May as National Melanoma and Skin Cancer Detection and  
16 Prevention Month and declares the second week of May as  
17 Melanoma and Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Week in  
18 Nevada.

