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## 8 HOUSE RESOLUTION

9 TO DESIGNATE MAY 2026 AS SKIN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH.  
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### 11 Subtitle

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13 AWARENESS MONTH.  
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16 WHEREAS, skin cancer is the most diagnosed cancer in the United States;  
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19 WHEREAS, melanoma and other skin cancers are some of the most  
20 preventable forms of cancer and account for more than fifty percent (50%) of  
21 all cancers combined, including breast, lung, and prostate cancer; and  
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23 WHEREAS, one (1) in five (5) Americans will develop skin cancer in  
24 their lifetime, and approximately nine thousand five hundred (9,500)  
25 Americans are diagnosed with skin cancer each day; and  
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27 WHEREAS, it is reported that in the United States more than five  
28 million (5,000,000) people are treated for one (1) or more skin cancers each  
29 year; and  
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31 WHEREAS, more than one million (1,000,000) Americans are living with  
32 melanoma, and melanoma rates have doubled since the 1980s; and  
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34 WHEREAS, it is estimated that there will be two hundred thirty-four  
35 thousand six hundred eighty (234,680) new cases of melanoma diagnosed in  
36 2026; and



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2           WHEREAS, melanoma is the deadliest skin cancer, and close to nine  
3 thousand (9,000) people die from melanoma each year, with one (1) American  
4 dying of melanoma every sixty-seven (67) minutes; and  
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6           WHEREAS, it is reported that of the one million (1,000,000) newly  
7 diagnosed cases of melanoma and other skin cancers each year, an estimated  
8 ten thousand seven hundred ten (10,710) people will die; and  
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10           WHEREAS, the estimated total direct annual cost of melanoma treatment  
11 exceeds two hundred ninety million dollars (\$290,000,000); and  
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13           WHEREAS, the annual cost of treating skin cancer in the United States  
14 is eight billion one hundred million dollars (\$8,100,000,000), with three  
15 billion three hundred million dollars (\$3,300,000,000) allocated to treating  
16 melanoma specifically; and  
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18           WHEREAS, the objectives of the Arkansas Dermatological Society are to  
19 promote the highest possible standards of clinical practice, education, and  
20 research in dermatologic medicine and related disciplines, to promote the  
21 public interest relating to dermatology, to advocate on behalf of dermatology  
22 and high-quality patient care, and to provide a forum for the discussion of  
23 medical and practice related problems; and  
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25           WHEREAS, the Arkansas Chapter of the Dermatology Trainee Advocacy Group  
26 is an organization consisting of dermatology trainees and practicing  
27 physicians dedicated to promoting the highest standards of clinical practice,  
28 education, and research in dermatology, to advocating for policies that  
29 improve patient care and the practice of dermatology, to fostering engagement  
30 in health policy and community outreach, and to providing a forum for  
31 discussion of medical, legislative, and practice-related issues; and  
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33           WHEREAS, the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of  
34 Medicine and the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Department of  
35 Dermatology are dedicated to advancing excellence in dermatologic medicine  
36 and surgery through leadership in clinical care, medical education, and

1 innovative research, while striving to improve patient outcomes and uphold  
2 the highest standards of practice; and  
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4 WHEREAS, it is important to encourage public awareness for Arkansans of  
5 the dangers caused by excessive and unprotected direct exposure to the sun  
6 and to educate the people of Arkansas about preventative safety measures to  
7 decrease the chances of developing all skin cancers, especially melanoma,  
8 while still allowing for the safe enjoyment of outdoor activities; and  
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10 WHEREAS, May is an appropriate month to designate as "Skin Cancer  
11 Awareness Month",  
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13 NOW THEREFORE,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL  
15 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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17 THAT the House of Representatives encourage all Arkansans to have a  
18 greater awareness of the risks of skin cancer and the need for the early  
19 diagnosis of skin cancer.  
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the House of Representatives designate May 2026  
22 as Skin Cancer Awareness Month.  
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, appropriate  
25 copies of this resolution be provided to the Arkansas Dermatological Society,  
26 the Arkansas Chapter of the Dermatology Trainee Advocacy Group, the  
27 University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of Medicine, and the  
28 University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Department of Dermatology.  
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