



## ACR-66 Skin Cancer Awareness Month. (2025-2026)

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### Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 66

#### CHAPTER 95

Relative to Skin Cancer Awareness Month.

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#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 66, Dixon. Skin Cancer Awareness Month.

This measure would proclaim the month of May 2025, as Skin Cancer Awareness Month, and would encourage all Californians to make themselves and their families aware of the risk of skin cancer and the measures that can be taken to prevent it.

Fiscal Committee: no

WHEREAS, Malignant melanoma, a serious skin cancer, is characterized by the uncontrolled growth of pigment-producing tanning cells; and

WHEREAS, Basal cell carcinoma and squamous cell carcinoma, non-melanoma skin cancers, are also very common forms of cancer in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Early detection and treatment for squamous cell carcinoma is important as it can be cured; and

WHEREAS, Excessive exposure to ultraviolet radiation (UVA and UVB) is the most important preventable cause of melanoma. Other possible causes include genetic factors and immune deficiencies. Malignant melanoma has also been linked to past sunburns and sun and tanning device exposure at younger ages; and

WHEREAS, Melanoma can affect men, women, and children; and

WHEREAS, According to the Skin Cancer Foundation, about 90 percent of non-melanoma skin cancers and 85 percent of melanoma skin cancers are associated with exposure to ultraviolet radiation from the sun; and

WHEREAS, According to Skin Cancer Foundation statistics, 1 in 5 Americans will develop skin cancer by 70 years of age; and

WHEREAS, Over five million cases of skin cancer are diagnosed in the United States each year, and more people are diagnosed in the United States each year than all other cancers combined; and

WHEREAS, It is estimated that in the United States, 9,500 people each day are diagnosed with a malignant melanoma; and

WHEREAS, Melanoma is the most serious type of skin cancer. In 2024, it is estimated that more than 200,340 melanomas will be diagnosed and about 8,290 people will die of melanoma; and

WHEREAS, The California Society of Dermatology and Dermatologic Surgery has an outstanding record of service and leadership in advancing the cause of prevention, detection, and treatment of skin cancers and diseases of the skin, and in its service to the capitol community and the people of the State of California, and is encouraged to continue its endeavors to expand these screening and detection efforts throughout the state; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the month of May 2025, shall be recognized as Skin Cancer Awareness Month in California, and that all Californians shall be encouraged to make themselves and their families aware of the risk of skin cancer as well as the measures that can be taken to prevent it; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.