Sample Proclamation – Melanoma/Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month®

Office of the [Mayor/Governor]

PROCLAMATION

MELANOMA/SKIN CANCER DETECTION AND PREVENTION MONTH® – May 2010
MELANOMA MONDAY® – MAY 3, 2010

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

WHEREAS, substantially more than 1 million new cases of skin cancer will be diagnosed in the United States this year;

WHEREAS, one in five Americans will develop skin cancer during their lifetime;

WHEREAS, this year, it is estimated that there will be 121,840 new cases of melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer, diagnosed in the United States.

WHEREAS, one person dies almost every hour from melanoma;

WHEREAS, melanoma and other skin cancers are highly treatable if detected early.

WHEREAS, sun exposure is the most preventable risk factor for all skin cancers, including melanoma;

WHEREAS, the American Academy of Dermatology’s Melanoma/Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month® is a public education campaign designed to promote the prevention and early detection of melanoma and other skin cancers and;

WHEREAS, Melanoma Monday®, May 3, 2010, the American Academy of Dermatology’s premier skin cancer awareness event, encourages all Americans to find a free skin cancer screening through the AAD’s National Skin Cancer Screening Program and to Be Sun Smart®;

NOW THEREFORE, I, [NAME OF MAYOR/GOVERNOR], [Mayor/Governor] of the [City of CITY/State of STATE], do hereby proclaim May 2010, as

MELANOMA/SKIN CANCER DETECTION AND PREVENTION MONTH®

And Monday, May 3, 2010 as

MELANOMA MONDAY®.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the [City of CITY/State of STATE] on this [DATE] day of [MONTH] in the year of our Lord two thousand ten.

(CITY/STATE Seal) MAYOR/GOVERNOR (Signature)