



*WHEREAS, the hazardous effects of ultraviolet radiation include skin cancer formation, premature aging of the skin, burns to the skin, cataract formation and other eye damage such as blindness, and impairment of the immune system; and*

*WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the World Health Organization's International Agency of Research on Cancer panel have declared ultraviolet radiation from the sun and artificial sources, such as tanning beds and sun lamps, to be a known carcinogen (or cancer-causing substance); and*

*WHEREAS, Melanoma is among the four most common cancers in females ages 15 to 29. The American Cancer Society estimates that in 2016, approximately 1,460 Coloradans will be diagnosed with melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer; and*

*WHEREAS, the annual cost of treating non-melanoma skin cancer in the U.S. is estimated at \$4.8 billion, while the average annual cost of treating melanoma is estimated at \$3.3 billion, which does not account for the tragic loss of life from this menacing disease; and*

*WHEREAS, Colorado law requires minors to have parental consent in order to use a tanning bed. Ultraviolet radiation from tanning beds can cause skin cancer, and there is no such thing as a safe tan; and*

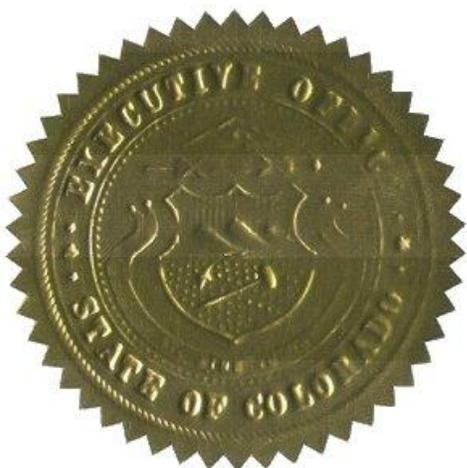
*WHEREAS, people can reduce their risk for skin cancer by limiting their exposure to UV light, especially between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.; wearing sun-protective hats and clothing, and sunglasses with UV protection when exposed to sunlight; using sunscreens and lip balms with a SPF of 30 or higher; and avoiding artificial sources of UV light, such as tanning beds; and*

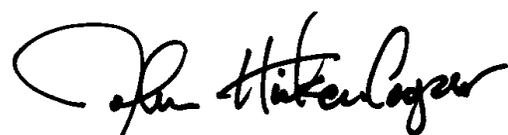
*WHEREAS, individuals should perform skin self-exams to check for signs of skin cancer (including changes in size, shape, or color of a mole or other skin lesion, the appearance of a new growth on the skin, or a sore that does not heal) and get a skin exam from a dermatologist, who can make personalized recommendations as to how often a person needs these exams based on risk factors such as skin type, history of sun exposure, and family history;*

*Therefore, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the entire State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim, forever after, May 2016, as*

**MELANOMA/SKIN CANCER DETECTION AND PREVENTION MONTH**  
*in the State of Colorado.*

*GIVEN under my hand and the  
Executive Seal of the State of  
Colorado, this first day of May, 2016*



  
John W. Hickenlooper  
Governor