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S. RES. 182

Designating May 2017 as “Melanoma Awareness Month”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 25, 2017

Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. DURBIN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Designating May 2017 as “Melanoma Awareness Month”.

Whereas, as of May 2017, there are nearly 1,000,000 people living with melanoma in the United States;

Whereas over 160,000 people of the United States will be diagnosed with melanoma in 2017;

Whereas melanoma is the second-most commonly diagnosed cancer in young adults;

Whereas approximately 90 percent of cases of melanoma can be traced to exposure to ultraviolet rays;

Whereas Congress enacted the Sunscreen Innovation Act (Public Law 113–195) to help bring new, safe sunscreens to the market;

Whereas increasing intermittent sun exposure in childhood and throughout the lifetime of a person is associated with

an increased risk of squamous cell carcinoma, basal cell carcinoma, and melanoma;

Whereas 1 blistering sunburn during childhood or adolescence can nearly double the chance that a person develops melanoma later in life, while 5 or more blistering sunburns in late adolescence increases the risk of—

- (1) melanoma by 80 percent; and
- (2) nonmelanoma by 68 percent; and

Whereas research shows that wearing sunscreen and taking other preventive measures can prevent sunburn and reduce the risk of skin cancer and premature aging: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates May 2017 as “Melanoma Awareness Month”;

3 (2) supports the goals and ideals of Melanoma Awareness Month;

4 (3) continues to support research for the prevention, detection, and treatment of, and a cure for, melanoma; and

5 (4) supports efforts to promote awareness of, and education on, sunsafe behaviors, including the use of sunscreen and sun-protective clothing.

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