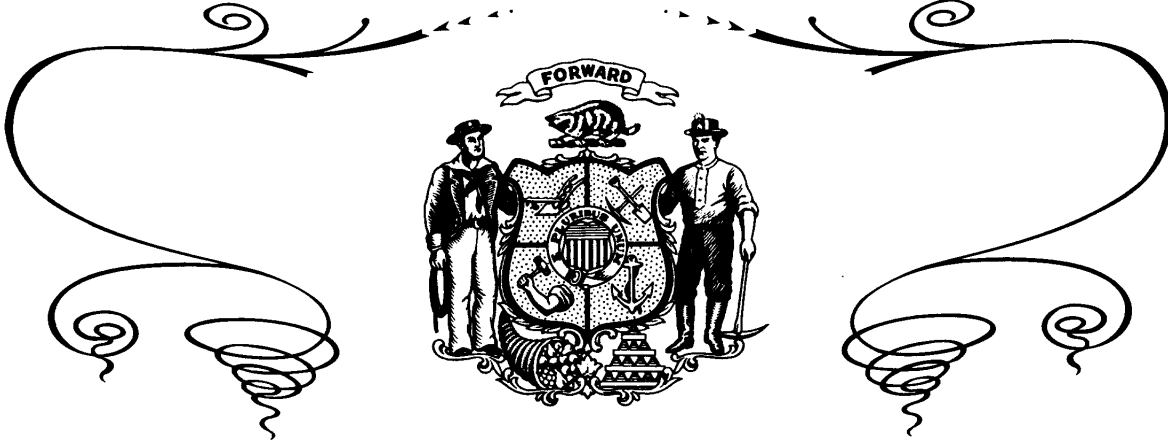


# State of Wisconsin



2013 Assembly Joint Resolution 30

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## ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

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**Relating to:** recognizing May as Melanoma and Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month.

Whereas, the skin is the largest and most visible organ of the body; and

Whereas, more than 3,000,000 new cases of skin cancer are expected to be diagnosed in the United States in the coming year; and

Whereas, it is estimated that more than 131,000 new cases of melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer, will be diagnosed this year, with 1,250 of those diagnosed in Wisconsin; and

Whereas, melanoma is the most common form of cancer for young adults between the ages of 25 and 29 and the second most common form of cancer for adolescents and young adults between the ages of 15 and 29; and

Whereas, more than 75 percent of all skin cancer deaths are from melanoma, and on average one person dies every hour from melanoma; and

Whereas, while melanoma can be caused by genetic factors or immune deficiencies, the most common cause is excessive exposure to ultraviolet radiation, particularly through multiple sunburns during childhood or exposure to tanning devices at a young age; and

Whereas, melanoma and other skin cancers, if detected early, are highly treatable, with a survival rate of about 99 percent for patients whose melanoma is detected before the tumor has penetrated the skin, falling to 15 percent for those with advanced disease; and

Whereas, the American Cancer Society and the American Academy of Dermatology have consistently promoted melanoma and skin cancer awareness through the encouragement of

prevention, early detection, and annual screening for this potentially deadly disease; now, therefore, be it

***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the Wisconsin legislature formally recognizes May as Melanoma and Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month in Wisconsin; and, be it further

***Resolved, That*** the legislature encourages the education of the citizens of Wisconsin on how to spot the warning signs of skin cancer through both skin self-examinations and skin cancer screenings by dermatologists.

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Senator Michael G. Ellis  
President of the Senate

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Representative Robin J. Vos  
Speaker of the Assembly

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Date

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Patrick E. Fuller  
Assembly Chief Clerk