

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
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Mr. Vincent J. Gardina, Councilman

By the County Council, May 3, 2010

A Resolution of the Baltimore County Council recognizing May 2010 as Melanoma/Skin Cancer Awareness & Prevention Month in Baltimore County.

WHEREAS, skin cancer is the most common cancer in Baltimore County and the United States, and the rate of melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer, continues to rise; and

WHEREAS, skin cancer and melanoma are highly preventable by avoiding exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation – both natural radiation from sunlight and artificial radiation from tanning beds/booths; and

WHEREAS, citizens of Baltimore County can reduce the likelihood of skin cancer and melanoma through “UV-safe” practices including reduced exposure to the sun between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., limiting or avoiding exposure to tanning devices, wearing sunscreen and lip balm with a SPF of 15 or higher, using sun-protective clothing and hats, and wearing UV-protection sunglasses; and

WHEREAS, the County Council of Baltimore County, Maryland in the 2010 Legislative Session prohibited tanning facilities from permitting minors to use a tanning device unless the minor’s parent or legal guardian provides written consent on the premises of the tanning facility and in the presence of an owner or employee, or operator of the tanning facility; and

WHEREAS, another Council enactment requires that a tanning facility owner or operator post a sign, at least 1 square foot in size, with lettering at least one inch in height, in a

conspicuous place at the entrance to the tanning facility. The sign must state that “Exposure to ultraviolet light from tanning beds has been shown to cause skin cancer”; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the Council joins with the Joanna M. Nicolay Melanoma Foundation and the Maryland Skin Cancer Prevention Program of the Center for a Healthy Maryland in their efforts to educate citizens and encourage protection of their skin from both natural and artificial sources of ultraviolet radiation and in recognizing May 2010 as Melonoma/Skin Cancer Awareness & Prevention Month.