



UV Safety Month Proclamation – July 2023

Whereas: Healthy people and healthy communities are the centerpiece of a strong and vibrant society; and

Whereas: Skin cancer cases make up almost half of all cancer diagnoses each year in the United States; and

Whereas: 90% of non-melanoma skin cancers are associated to UV radiation; and

Whereas: More than one million Americans will be diagnosed with skin cancer this year; and

Whereas: One in five Americans will be diagnosed with skin cancer during their lifetime; and

Whereas: Skin cancer affects people of all skin types; anyone can get skin cancer: and

Whereas: Exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation is the number one preventable risk factor for the development of skin cancer; and

Therefore, the City of Hanahan is encouraging all residents and their families to learn about and practice sun-safe behavior by following the 5 steps: 1. Have access to shade at any time of the day. 2. Wear a hat to offer protection from the sun. 3. Wear sunglasses to protect your eyes from sun damage. 4. Cover up by wearing loose-fitting clothing to provide best protection from the sun. 5. Use sunscreen to protect your skin from harmful UV rays;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christie Rainwater, Mayor of Hanahan, do hereby proclaim the month of July 2023 UV Safety Month and give full support to efforts of promoting sun safety and primary prevention of skin cancer. Accordingly, I encourage our residents to make healthy decisions to prevent skin cancer and urge all residents to talk with family and friends about the importance of early detection and prevention measures, and to educate ourselves and others.

Duly done this the 11th day of July 2023.

Christie Rainwater, Mayor

Emily Huff, Clerk of Council