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June 10th, 2010.

The Honourable Margaret Best,
Minister – Minister's Office,
Ministry of Health Promotion,
777 Bay Street, 18th Floor,
Toronto, ON M7A 1S5

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Dear Minister Best:

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The Huron County Board of Health met on Tuesday June 1st, 2010. The correspondence from the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit entitled: Harmful Effects of Artificial Tanning and in Particular for Youth Who are Most Susceptible to the Damaging Effects of UV Radiation was considered. The following Motion was passed unanimously:

MOTION:

Moved by: Member N. Rintoul and Seconded by: Member B. MacLellan:

THAT:

The Huron County Board of Health support the correspondence from the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit regarding the harmful effects of artificial tanning and in particular for youth who are most susceptible to the damaging effects of UV Radiation;

AND FURTHER THAT:

Staff be directed to forward correspondence to the Association of Local Public Health Agencies, the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, the Minister of Health Promotion, the Minister of Children and Youth Services, Ben Lobb, MP Huron-Bruce and the Honourable Carol Mitchell, MPP Huron-Bruce advising of the call for government action and to join other professional bodies across Ontario to encourage the development of strong and comprehensive legislation that will protect the public from the harm effects of artificial tanning.

I trust you will find this to be in order.

Sincerely,

Barbara L. Wilson

Barbara L. Wilson, CMO,
County Clerk,
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Enclosure

c.c. The Honourable Deb Matthews, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care
The Honourable Laurel Broten, Minister of Children and Youth Services
The Honourable Carol Mitchell, MPP Huron-Bruce
Ben Lobb, MP, Huron-Bruce

✓ Linda Stewart, Executive Director, Association of Local Public Health Agencies



BOH Agenda

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June 1/10.

May 10, 2010

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Dear Minister Best:

Subject: Harmful Effects of Artificial Tanning and In Particular for Youth Who are Most Susceptible to the Damaging Effects of UV Radiation

At its April 28, 2010 regular meeting, the Board of Health for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit passed the following resolution:

Resolution #BOH/2010/04/05

Whereas, Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in Ontario, accounting for one-third of all new cancer diagnoses, and

Whereas, Ultraviolet radiation (UVR) is globally recognized as being carcinogenic and the relationship to skin cancer is well documented, and

Whereas, World Health Organization's International Agency for Research on Cancer rates tanning beds in the highest cancer risk category - group 1 - 'carcinogenic to humans', and

Whereas, Melanoma, the least common but most serious type of skin cancer, is increasing significantly in incidence and is the second most common form of cancer in people in Ontario between the ages of 15-34, and

Whereas, There is strong evidence that exposure from artificial tanning equipment increases the risk of melanoma, especially when exposure is started during childhood and adolescence,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, That the Board of Health for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit write a letter to the Honourable Margaret Best, expressing support for the Canadian Cancer Society's (Ontario Division) call for government action and join other professional bodies across Ontario such as the Canadian Dermatology Association and Cancer Care Ontario to encourage the development of strong and comprehensive legislation that will protect the public from the harmful effects of artificial tanning, and