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**RESOLUTION**

Date: May 5, 2010  
Resolution #: **03-2010, Ultraviolet Radiation Exposure – Sun Protection Factor**  
MOVED BY: Merdy Armstrong  
SECONDED BY: Sue Nielsen

**WHEREAS** ultraviolet radiation (UVR) is internationally recognized as being carcinogenic, and the adverse health effects associated with sun exposure such as skin cancers, skin ageing and eye damage are well documented; and

**WHEREAS** skin cancer alone accounts for about 1/3 of all cancers diagnosed in Ontario, the most common cancer in the province. One in 7 Canadians (including children) will get some form of skin cancer - basal cell carcinoma, squamous cell carcinoma or melanoma - during their lifetime. Melanoma, the most serious type of skin cancer, is the second most common form of cancer in young Ontarians aged 15-34 years; and

**WHEREAS** Ultraviolet radiation (UVR) emitted from both the sun and artificial tanning equipment is a known human carcinogen, causing skin cancer. Exposure to UVR from artificial tanning equipment increases the risk of skin cancer, especially when exposure is started during childhood and adolescence; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Timiskaming Health Unit Board of Health support 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

**FURTHER THAT** the Timiskaming Health Unit Board of Health support the adoption of Bill 83 which will prohibit selling or supplying tanning services or ultra-violet light treatment services to persons under the age of 19.

**FURTHER THAT** the Timiskaming Health Unit Board of Health deliver the Northeast Cancer Prevention Screening Network's campaign *No Tan is Worth Dying For!* including the recommendation of the use of SPF 30.

**FURTHER THAT, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this resolution be forwarded to Minister of Health Promotion; Honourable Margaret Best, local member of provincial parliament, the Association of Local Public Health Agencies and other Ontario Boards of Health.

- Carried  
 Defeated  
 Deferred

  
Chair - Board of Health