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Erie County recognizes Skin Cancer Awareness Month

Erie, PA – County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper today issued a proclamation recognizing May as Skin Cancer Awareness Month.

During the presentation, the County Executive shared her personal story of a melanoma diagnosis and treatment before introducing Dr. Scott Lim, who then provided tips on skin cancer prevention and early detection.

Dr. Lim has volunteered and mentored medical students, interns and residents for over 30 years and is a clinical adjunct professor of dermatology at LECOM. Passionate about advocacy for his patients and service to his profession, Dr. Lim was awarded “Dermatologist of the Year” in 2020 by his peers in Pennsylvania. His practice is located on W. 26th St.

“Skin cancer is the most common type of cancer,” said Dr. Lim. “In my practice, I diagnose an average of five to 15 skin cancers a day. The good news is that most are diagnosed early and that means most are cured.”

Attendees also heard personal testimony from Rachel Hughes, a local skin cancer survivor and patient of Dr. Lim’s.

County Executive Dahlkemper encourages residents to take action and get regular check-ups.

“Many people seek sun without taking the advised precautionary measures and are unaware that any darkening of skin color, including a tan, is indicative of UV damage,” said County Executive Dahlkemper. “Having five or more sunburns doubles your risk for melanoma. Following my own skin cancer scare, I encourage all residents to practice sun safety and perform frequent skin self-examinations.”

To find a dermatologist, go to <https://find-a-derm.aad.org/>.

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