

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Salt Lake County encourages our residents to take small steps to build longer, healthier, and happier lives; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake County, in partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and as an advocate for protecting children's health and the environment, is encouraging all county students and their families to learn about sun-safe behavior at school and at home; and

WHEREAS, whether Salt Lake County is bathed in the sunshine of summer or the clouds of winter, harmful ultraviolet (UV) rays reach us every single day, increasing the importance of raising awareness among our children that overexposure to the sun can cause cataracts, skin cancer, and other adverse health effects; and

WHEREAS, the SunWise Program is an environmental and health education program that helps teach the public how to protect itself from overexposure to the sun through the use of classroom-based, school-based and community-based components; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to bring sun safety information to our schools, the EPA will provide free SunWise Tool Kits to each K-8 school in our community, so children can learn about ozone science and how to protect themselves from the harmful effects of UV radiation; and

WHEREAS, through interactive lessons the SunWise program offers fun and educational ways for students to incorporate sun-safe behavior into their lifestyles at a young age, so that they continue to spend active time outdoors while protecting themselves from the sun; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake County is proud to partner with EPA as a SunWise Community and is committed to help families live sun-safe, healthy lives;

NOW, THEREFORE, do I, Peter M. Corroon, Mayor of Salt Lake County, Utah, do hereby proclaim Friday, May 22, 2009, as:

SunWise Day

in the County of Salt Lake and call upon all of our citizens to adopt sun-safe behaviors in order to live healthier lives.

Signed this 22th day of May, 2009

Peter M. Corroon
Salt Lake County Mayor