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**NCOIL STAFF TO PARTICIPATE IN “NO-SHAVE NOVEMBER” FOR EIGHTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR**

*Effort Will Raise Funds & Awareness for Cancer Research*

Belmar, NJ – This week the team at NCOIL’s National Headquarters had their last shave as they gear up for the fight against cancer by participating in “No-Shave November” for the eighth consecutive year.

"For the last eight years, the NCOIL staff have tossed aside their razors for the month of November, and this year we will do the same, as uncomfortable as that may be,” said NCOIL CEO Commissioner Tom Considine. “As some of you know, I am a cancer survivor and sadly lost my mom to this disease. The fight against cancer has always been personally important and our team is very proud to be supporting these causes.”

No-Shave November’s mission is to raise funds for cancer research and treatment, and to educate the population about preventive measures. Starting with the surviving children of one father who died of cancer in November 2007, the movement has since spread around the globe. Participants put down their razors for the 30 days of November each year to join the fight against cancer. This year, NCOIL Support Services will make contributions to the Melanoma Research Foundation (MRF) and the Prostate Cancer Foundation (PCF).

The MRF is the leading melanoma community to transform melanoma from one of the deadliest cancers to one of the most treatable. Melanoma diagnoses are increasing at staggering rates, claiming close to 8,000 American lives every year. It is the deadliest form of skin cancer. However, nine out of ten cases are considered to be preventable. The MCF’s mission is to eradicate melanoma by accelerating medical research while educating to and advocating for the melanoma community.
The PCF funds the world’s most promising research to improve the prevention, detection, and treatment of prostate cancer and ultimately save patients’ lives. Right now, one man dies every 17 minutes from prostate cancer in the United States. PCF’s goal is to end all deaths from prostate cancer by raising awareness and funding urgent cutting-edge research.

NCOIL General Counsel Will Melofchik said, “I am proud to say this is the eighth year that I will be participating in No-Shave November to benefit a very worthy cause. This month is a great opportunity to do my part to help fight this disease that affects so many. Three years ago, one of my sisters was diagnosed with breast cancer. Luckily, she was able to courageously defeat it and is doing great with her family. No-Shave November has meant even more to me and my family these past few years.”

The No-Shave November campaign has successfully raised millions of dollars to combat this disease. Every dollar raised brings us one step closer in our efforts to fund cancer research and education, help prevent the disease, and aid those fighting the battle.

More information on No-Shave November can be found at: https://no-shave.org/

More information on the Melanoma Research Foundation can be found here: https://melanoma.org/

More information on the Prostate Cancer Foundation can be found here: https://www.pcf.org/

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