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Global Albinism Alliance Congratulates Albinos Chile on Progress Toward Sunscreen Access for People with Albinism

The Global Albinism Alliance (GAA) extends its heartfelt congratulations to Albinos Chile for their dedicated advocacy in advancing the inclusion of sunscreen as an essential preventive medicine for individuals with albinism within Chile's public health system.

This milestone reflects the organization's unwavering commitment to protecting the health and rights of people with albinism, addressing critical needs such as dermatological protection against skin cancer risks associated with the condition.

This success comes on the back of the GAA successfully advocating for sunscreen to be added to the WHO's EML and EMLc last year. It serves as a timely example of how individual countries and Albinism Associations have taken that decision to advocate for change within their own country context.

Over the past two years, Albinos Chile has made significant strides, including holding formal meetings under the Chilean Lobby Law to educate stakeholders on albinism's implications, submitting population data and expert dermatological reports, and securing the incorporation of albinism into the Primary Health Care Strengthening Program. In May 2025, the organization was informed that sunscreen purchases had been initiated, marking a pivotal step forward, though implementation has faced delays.

Antoine Gliksohn, Co-founder and Executive Director of the Global Albinism Alliance, praised the efforts: "The progress achieved by Albinos Chile is a testament to the power of grassroots advocacy in championing the rights and well-being of people with albinism. Their work to integrate sunscreen into national health protocols is not only life-saving but also sets a global example for inclu-

sive health policies. The GAA stands in full solidarity with Albinos Chile and is committed to supporting their ongoing initiatives, including through formal endorsements to key decision-makers like Chile's Minister of Health, Dr. Ximena Aguilera Sanhueza, to help expedite this vital measure. The GAA continues to work with its network to push further change within Health Policy."

The GAA encourages continued collaboration among governments, health authorities, and civil society to ensure equitable access to preventive care for vulnerable populations worldwide. Albinos Chile's leadership, under President Carolina González and Founder Claudia Núñez, continues to inspire international efforts in this area.

ABOUT THE GLOBAL ALBINISM ALLIANCE

The Global Albinism Alliance is an international network dedicated to promoting the rights, inclusion, and well-being of people with albinism worldwide.

Launched in 2020 and officially founded in 2021, the GAA works with member organizations across continents to advocate for policy changes, raise awareness, and combat discrimination. For more information, visit www.albinismalliance.org or contact info@albinismalliance.org.

ABOUT ALBINOS CHILE

Albinos Chile, officially known as Corporación Albinos Chile, is a non-profit organization founded in 2013, with operations dating back to 2007. Based in Santiago, Chile, it is one of the oldest albinism organizations in Latin America.

The organization seeks to address the particular needs of people with albinism, promoting inclusion, empowerment, and opportunities while raising awareness and advocating for their rights. For more information, visit their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/corporacionalbinoschile.