

TOWN OF SAHUARITA
PROCLAMATION



WHEREAS, lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death among men and women in the United States; and

WHEREAS the 5-year survival rate for localized lung cancer is ~60%, yet only ~24% of lung cancers are diagnosed at this stage; and

WHEREAS, screening for lung cancer for high-risk individuals using low-dose computed tomography can lead to the earlier detection of lung cancer and save lives, reducing the mortality by 20% when compared to screening by chest x-ray in the National Lung Screening Trial and reducing the risk of death at ten years by 24% in men and 33% in women as demonstrated by another sizeable randomized trial; and

WHEREAS, funding for lung cancer research trails far behind funding for research of many other cancers, and additional research is needed in early diagnosis, screening, and treatment for lung cancer as well as in lung cancer affecting women and lung cancer health disparities; and

WHEREAS, lung cancer incidence is decreasing twice as fast in men as it is in women, each year more women die from lung cancer than breast cancer, and by 2035, more women will die from lung cancer than men; and

WHEREAS, the stigma surrounding lung cancer creates barriers to early diagnosis, treatment, and funding for research, has a detrimental impact on the quality of life of people diagnosed with lung cancer, and hinders awareness of and research into lung cancer risk factors other than smoking; and


WHEREAS, lung cancer research is leading to breakthroughs in identifying genetic alterations associated with lung cancer and in developing lung cancer treatments, including immunotherapies and targeted therapies.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Tom Murphy, Mayor of the Town of Sahuarita, on behalf of the Town Council, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2022, as

Lung Cancer Awareness Month

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the Town of Sahuarita on this 14th day of November 2022.





Tom Murphy, Mayor


Attest:
Lisa Cole, Town Clerk