

## LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION

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

**WHEREAS**, according to the Centers for Disease Control, there were 8,356 new lung cancer cases and 5,109 deaths because of lung cancer in 2019 in North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, screening for lung cancer for high-risk individuals can lead to the earlier detection of lung cancer and save lives; 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; and

**WHEREAS**, lung cancer in never smokers is the 7th leading cause of cancer-related death and accounts for 17,000-26,000 deaths in the US every year, 60-70% of never smokers diagnosed with lung cancer are women, and the proportion of lung cancers diagnosed in never smokers is increasing in the US; and

**WHEREAS**, organizations working in North Carolina, such as the American Lung Cancer Screening Initiative, are committed to educating about lung cancer and lung cancer screening and working to increase lung cancer screening rates in North Carolina.


**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Goldsboro City Council does hereby proclaim November 2022 as

### *Lung Cancer Awareness Month*

and recognize the need for research in lung cancer, and encourage all citizens to learn about lung cancer and early detection through lung cancer screening.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the City of Goldsboro, North Carolina, this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022.



  
David Ham  
Mayor