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MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death among men and women in the United States, accounting for more deaths than colon cancer, breast cancer, and prostate cancer combined; and

WHEREAS, the 5-year survival rate for localized lung cancer is 60%, yet only roughly 24% of lung cancers are diagnosed at this stage. Screening for lung cancer for high-risk individuals using low-dose computed tomography can lead to 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 10 years by 24% in men, and 33% in women demonstrated by another large 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. African Americans have the highest lung cancer incidence and mortality of all races, and disparities in lung cancer screening, diagnosis, treatment, and mortality are well characterized among African Americans and other racial minorities; and

WHEREAS, lung cancer in individuals who never smoked is the 7th leading cause of cancer-related deaths in the US every year, radon is the leading cause of lung cancer among individuals who never smoked and second leading cause of lung cancer overall; 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. Lung cancer research is leading to breakthroughs in the identification of genetic alterations associated with lung cancer and in the development of lung cancer treatments, including immunotherapies and targeted therapies; and

WHEREAS, organizations such as the American Lung Cancer Screening Initiative and Women's Lung Cancer Forum, are committed to educating about lung cancer and lung cancer screening and working to increase lung cancer screening rates in the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, BENJAMIN D. FLORSHEIM, Mayor of the City of Middletown do hereby proclaim, the month of November 2022, as

LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Middletown and, on behalf of the residents, I thank the ALCSI for their advocacy in bringing awareness about this growing disease.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Middletown to be affixed this month of November 2022.

ATTEST:

BENJAMIN D. FLORSHEIM
Mayor

