

# Proclamation

OFFICE OF MAYOR JUSTIN M. BIBB

City of Cleveland, Ohio

In recognition of

## Lung Cancer Awareness Month

November 1, 2022

- Whereas,* on behalf of the citizens of the City of Cleveland, I am honored to offer this Proclamation designating November 2022, as Lung Cancer Awareness Month; and,
- Whereas,* lung cancer is the deadliest cancer in the United States and the world, but it has been shown that lung screening significantly reduces mortality as it can help to diagnose lung cancer earlier; and,
- Whereas,* funding for lung cancer research trails are 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,* 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 7<sup>th</sup> leading cause of cancer-related death and accounts for 17,000-26,000 deaths in the US every year, 60-70% of individuals diagnosed with lung cancer who never smoked are women, and the proportion of lung cancer diagnosed in people who never smoked is increasing in the United States.

Now therefore, I, Justin M. Bibb, the 58<sup>th</sup> Mayor of the City of Cleveland, do hereby offer this Proclamation designating November 2022, as Lung Cancer Awareness Month. I invite all Clevelanders to join me in recognizing the importance of research and early detection for lung cancer screening.

In witness thereof, I have set my hand and caused the Corporate Seal of the City of Cleveland to be affixed on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November in the year 2022.

*Mayor Justin M. Bibb*

