

Office of the Mayor  
Lake Charles, Louisiana

# Proclamation

Whereas, lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death among men and women in the United States and Louisiana in 2023, accounting for more deaths than colon cancer, breast cancer, and prostate cancer combined; and

Whereas, according to the Centers for Disease Control, there were 63.4% incident rates of new lung cancer cases and 43.5% deaths because of lung cancer between 2015 and 2019 in Louisiana; 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 10 years by 24% in men and 33% in women as demonstrated by another large randomized trial; and

Whereas, women diagnosed with lung cancer are more likely to be younger and non-smokers. Lung cancer incidence and mortality rates in women are rising relative to men, more women die from lung cancer than breast cancer every year and by 2035, it is expected that more women will die from lung cancer than men; and

Whereas, organizations working in the Lake Charles community, such as the American Lung Cancer Screening Initiative and Women's Lung Cancer Forum, are committed to educating citizens about lung cancer, lung cancer screening, and working diligently to increase lung cancer screening rates in the City of Lake Charles;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, NICHOLAS E. HUNTER, Mayor of the City of Lake Charles, in the sovereign State of Louisiana, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the month of **November** as **Lung Cancer Awareness Month**. I encourage all Americans to learn more about lung cancer and early detection through lung cancer screening.



*In Witness Whereof, I have  
hereunto set my hand and caused to be  
affixed the official seal of the City of  
Lake Charles on this*  
Date: November 1, 2023

*Nicholas E. Hunter*

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Mayor of Lake Charles