

City of San Rafael

Proclamation Recognizing

November 2022 as Lung Cancer Awareness Month

- WHEREAS, lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death in the United States, accounting for more deaths than colon cancer, breast cancer, pancreatic cancer, and prostate cancer combined; and
- WHEREAS, the 5-year survival rate for localized lung cancer is about 59%, yet only about 17% 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 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, funding for lung cancer research trails behind research for other cancers; additional research is needed on early diagnosis, screening, and overall treatment. There is also a need for more research on lung cancer's effects on women and other related 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;
- 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, educational efforts can increase awareness for lung cancer and lung cancer screening among the general public, patients, and health care workers, thereby increasing the early detection of lung cancer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Rafael recognizes November 2022 as Lung Cancer Awareness Month in the City of San Rafael.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of San Rafael to be affixed this 31<sup>st</sup> day of August, in the year two thousand and twenty-two.



*Kate Colin*

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Mayor