

Proclamation
Office of the Mayor, City of Toledo

WHEREAS, as Mayor of the city of Toledo, it is my privilege and responsibility to recognize causes and events which warrant our attention; and

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

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control, there were 1,760 new lung cancer cases and 1,261 deaths because of lung cancer between 2015 and 2019 in Lucas County; 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, 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, 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

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, organizations working in Ohio 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.

NOW THEREFORE I, Wade Kapszukiewicz, mayor of the City of Toledo, hereby proclaim November 2022 as

Lung Cancer Awareness Month

in the City of Toledo and recognize the need for research in lung cancer affecting women and lung cancer health disparities, and encourage all residents to learn about lung cancer and early detection through lung cancer screening.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official Seal of the City of Toledo to be affixed hereto this 1st day of November 2022.

Wade Kapszukiewicz

Wade Kapszukiewicz, Mayor