



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

LORI E. LIGHTFOOT
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, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention there are numerous new lung cancer cases and deaths because of lung cancer each year with the 5-year survival rate for localized lung cancer being 59% with only 17% of lung cancers being diagnosed at this stage; and

WHEREAS, women diagnosed with lung cancer are more likely to be younger non-smokers, and lung cancer diagnosis and mortality rates in women are on the rise relative to men and 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, lung cancer screening saves lives, and outreach and increased awareness helps to ensure that high-risk individuals have better opportunities to get screened; and

WHEREAS, funding for lung cancer research falls 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, the American Lung Cancer Screening Initiative and Women's Lung Cancer Forum are working to educate the public about lung cancer, promote the importance of lung cancer screening, and increase screenings for residents across the city; and

WHEREAS, November has been designated as Lung Cancer Awareness Month with the goal of fostering public support for research and funding that will result in better outcomes for those diagnosed with lung cancer:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LORI E. LIGHTFOOT, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, do hereby proclaim November 2022 to be LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH IN CHICAGO and encourage all residents to educate themselves about lung cancer and support those working to bring an end to this disease.

Dated this 1st day of November, 2022.


Mayor