



## PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer deaths among men and women in the United States and Virginia in 2022, 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 were 27,327 new lung cancer cases and 18,599 deaths because of lung cancer between 2015 and 2019 in Virginia, with the five-year survival rate for localized lung cancer being 59%, yet only 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 the mortality by 20% when compared to screening by chest x-ray in the National Lung Screening Trial; and
- WHEREAS,** funding for lung cancer research trails far behind funding for research of many other cancers. Additional research is needed in early diagnosis, screening, and treatment for lung cancer; and
- WHEREAS,** women diagnosed with lung cancer are more likely to be younger and have never smoked, lung cancer incidence and mortality rates in women are rising 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,** African Americans have the highest lung cancer incidence and mortality of all races. Disparities in lung cancer screening, diagnosis, treatment, and mortality are well characterized among African Americans and other racial minorities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, McKinley L. Price, Mayor of the City of Newport News, do hereby proclaim** November 2022, as

### **LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

in the City of Newport News, and encourage all citizens to learn about lung cancer and early detection through lung cancer screening.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be duly affixed the Seal of the City of Newport News, Virginia, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November 2022.

  
McKinley L. Price, DDS, Mayor  
City of Newport News, Virginia

ATTEST:

  
Mabel Washington Jenkins, MMC  
City Clerk