



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
ROCK SPRINGS, WYOMING



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS:**

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

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, there were 1,502 new lung cancer cases and 1,077 deaths because of lung cancer between 2015 and 2019 in Wyoming; and

The 5-year survival rate for localized lung cancer is ~60%, yet only ~24% of lung cancers are diagnosed at this stage; and

Lung cancer screenings for high-risk individuals using low-dose computed tomography could lead to the earlier detection of lung cancer and save lives. As a result, this screening reduces mortality rates by 20% when compared to screening by chest x-ray in the National Lung Screening Trial, and reduces the risk of death at 10 years by 24% in men, and 33% in women; and

Funding for lung cancer research trails far behind funding for research of many other cancers, and additional research is needed for early diagnosis, screening, and treatment for lung cancer as well as lung cancer affecting women and lung cancer health disparities; and

Lung cancer incidence is decreasing twice as fast in men as it is in women—each year more women die from lung cancer. By 2035, more women will die from lung cancer than men; and

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

Lung cancer in never smokers is the 7<sup>th</sup> leading cause of cancer-related death and accounts for 17,000—26,000 deaths in the U.S. every year; 60-70% of never smokers diagnosed with lung cancer are women, and the proportion of lung cancers diagnosed in never smokers is increasing in the U.S.; and

Organizations working in the Rock Springs community, such as the American Lung Cancer Screening Initiative and Women’s Lung Cancer Forum, are committed to education regarding lung cancer, lung cancer screening, and working to increase lung cancer screening rates in Rock Springs.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, that I, Timothy A. Kaumo, Mayor of the City of Rock Springs, do hereby declare the week of November 2022 to be

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## LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Rock Springs and recognize the need for research in lung cancer affecting women and lung cancer health disparities, and I 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 the seal of this City to be affixed.

Mayor *Timothy A. Kaumo*

Date *11/1/2022*