

City of Wilmington  
Delaware



Office of the Mayor

**Proclamation:**

**WHEREAS**, lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death worldwide, as well as among men and women in the United States, accounting for almost 25% of cancer deaths – more deaths than colon cancer, breast cancer, pancreatic cancer, and prostate cancer combined; and

**WHEREAS**, an estimated 237,000 people will be diagnosed with lung cancer in the United States this year, and about 130,000 lose their lives to this cancer annually; and

**WHEREAS**, Delaware has a statistically significantly higher lung and bronchus cancer incidence rate compared to the United States generally, with this form of cancer accounting for 26% of all new cancer deaths between 2015 and 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the number of new lung cancer diagnoses continues to decline steadily – 2.8% per year in men and 1.4% in women from 2009 to 2018 – with lung cancer deaths having been cut in more than half for men and by a third for women; and

**WHEREAS**, such measures as not smoking and reducing your exposure to radon can help prevent lung cancer, and given that less than 6% of the approximately eight million Americans who are at high risk of lung cancer actually get screened even though early detection of high-risk cases can reduce chance of death by up to 20%.

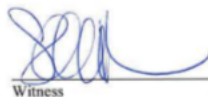
*Be it hereby known to all that Michael S. Purzycki, Mayor of the City of Wilmington, proclaims the month of November 2022 as*

***Lung Cancer Awareness Month***


in Wilmington and encourage all residents to learn more about lung cancer prevention measures and highly recommend early detection through lung cancer screening.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set  
my Hand and Seal of the Office this  
\_\_1\_\_ Day of November 2022.

ATTEST:

  
Witness



  
Mayor