



Town of Manchester, Connecticut Official Proclamation

WHEREAS, Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer deaths in Connecticut and in the United States, accounting for more deaths than colon cancer, breast cancer, and prostate cancer combined. According to the Centers for Disease Control, there were 3,389 new lung cancer cases and 1,813 deaths due to lung cancer between 2015 and 2019 in Hartford County, Connecticut and

WHEREAS, The 5-year survival rate for localized lung cancer is 60%, yet only 24% of lung cancers are diagnosed at this stage. Screening for lung cancer for high-risk individuals can lead to early detection of lung cancer and can save lives; 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. 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, 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. Lung cancer in individuals who never smoked is the 7th leading cause of cancer-related death and accounts for 17,000-26,000 deaths in the U.S. every year. 60-70% of individuals diagnosed with lung cancer who never smoked are women, and continues to rise in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, Only 5.7% of high-risk individuals are currently getting screened, which means thousands of lives are lost every year simply due to a lack of awareness. Organizations working in Connecticut such as the American Lung Cancer Screening Initiative and Women's Lung Cancer Forum are committed to education on lung cancer screening, and are working to increase lung cancer screening rates.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Moran, Mayor of the Town of Manchester, on behalf of the Board of Directors, the Town Administration, and the citizens of Manchester do hereby proclaim November as

Lung Cancer Awareness Month

and encourage all citizens to learn about lung cancer and early detection through lung cancer screening.

Jay Moran, Mayor

Presented this 1st day of November 2022

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