

In the Name and by the Authority of
THE STATE OF
OHIO



WHEREAS, lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death among men and women in Ohio and throughout the United States, accounting for more deaths than colon, breast, and prostate cancers combined; and

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, there were 50,779 new lung cancer cases and 34,209 deaths because of lung cancer between 2015 and 2019 in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, in 2018 in Ohio, 28% of lung and bronchus cancers were diagnosed at the local stage, for which the estimated five-year relative survival rate is 59%; and

WHEREAS, smoking is the No. 1 risk factor for lung cancer and is linked to 80% to 90% of lung cancer deaths; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, 12.5% of U.S. adults (about 30.8 million people) were considered smokers, 14.1% of men, 11% of women.

WHEREAS, 65% of new lung cancer cases occur in nonsmokers or former smokers, with radon being the second-leading cause of the disease; and

WHEREAS, lung cancer incidence is higher in African American men than in other racial or ethnic groups; and

WHEREAS, despite being the leading cause of cancer death, lung cancer receives less research funding than any other cancer; and

NOW, THEREFORE, We, *Mike DeWine* and *Jon Husted*, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize

LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

on this 1st day of November 2023.

Handwritten signature of Mike DeWine in blue ink.

Mike DeWine
Governor



Handwritten signature of Jon Husted in blue ink.

Jon Husted
Lieutenant Governor