

City of



Hartford

Connecticut

Proclamation

By

The Honorable Luke Bronin, Mayor

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

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control, there were 26,768 new lung cancer cases and 8,303 deaths because of lung cancer between 2015 and 2019 in Hartford; and

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

WHEREAS, lung cancer in people who never smoked is the 7th leading cause of cancer-related death, accounting for 17,000-26,000 deaths in the US every year, 60-70% of individuals diagnosed with lung cancer who never smoked are women, and the proportion of lung cancers diagnosed in people who never smoked is increasing in the US; and


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

WHEREAS, organizations working in Hartford such as the American Lung Cancer Screening Initiative and Women's Lung Cancer Forum, are committed to educating about lung cancer and lung cancer screening and working to increase lung cancer screening rates in Hartford; now, therefore, be it

PROCLAIMED, That I, Luke A. Bronin, Mayor of the City of Hartford, along with the Court of Common Council and the citizens of Hartford, recognize the need for research in lung cancer affecting women and lung cancer health disparities, encourage all citizens to learn about lung cancer and early detection through lung cancer screening, and do hereby proclaim November 2022 to be:

Lung Cancer Awareness Month in Hartford

In testimony of this Proclamation, I hereby set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Hartford to be affixed this 1st day of November 2022.


Luke Bronin
Mayor

