



Proclamation

LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH NOVEMBER 2022

- WHEREAS,** lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer deaths among men and women in the United States, accounting for more deaths than colon, breast, and prostate cancers combined; and
- WHEREAS,** African Americans have the highest lung cancer incidence and mortality of all races; and
- WHEREAS,** the 5-year survival rate for localized lung cancer is 60%, yet only 24% of lung cancers are diagnosed at this stage; and
- WHEREAS,** funding for lung cancer research trails far behind funding for research of many other cancers. An 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,** screening for lung cancer for high-risk individuals using low-dose computed tomography can lead to the earlier detection of lung cancer and save lives, reducing the mortality by 20% when compared to screening by chest x-ray in the National Lung Screening Trial and reducing the risk of death at 10 years by 24% in men and 33% in women as demonstrated by another large randomized trial; and
- WHEREAS,** organizations such as the American Lung Cancer Screening Initiative and Women's Lung Cancer Forum, are committed to educating individuals about lung cancer, lung cancer screening and are working to increase lung cancer screening rates.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PAT BATES, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ALTAMONTE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, do hereby proclaim November 2022 as:

LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Altamonte Springs, and encourage all citizens to learn about lung cancer and early detection through lung cancer screening.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Altamonte Springs, Florida to be affixed this 18th day of October, 2022.




PAT BATES, MAYOR