



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY OF ALABASTER

PROCLAMATION

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

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control, there were 21,540 new lung cancer cases and 16,330 deaths because of lung cancer between 2015 and 2019 in Alabama;

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

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;

WHEREAS, funding for lung cancer research trails 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;

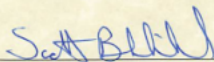
WHEREAS, lung cancer incidence is decreasing twice as fast in men as it is in women, each year more women die from lung cancer than breast cancer and by 2035, more women will die from lung cancer than men;

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.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Brakefield, Mayor of the City of Alabaster, do hereby proclaim November 2022 as **Lung Cancer Awareness Month**, and recognize the need for research in lung cancer affecting women and lung cancer health disparities, and encourage all citizens, to learn about lung cancer and early detection through lung cancer screening.

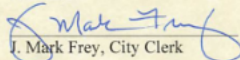


WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alabaster, Alabama to be affixed, this 19th day of October 2022.



Mayor Scott Brakefield

ATTEST:


J. Mark Frey, City Clerk

