



TOWN *of* SUMMERVILLE, SC

A Proclamation

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

Whereas the stigma surrounding lung cancer creates barriers to early diagnosis, treatment, and funding for research, has a detrimental impact on the quality of life of people diagnosed with lung cancer, and hinders awareness of and research into lung cancer risk factors other than smoking; and

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; and

Whereas organizations working in Summerville, South Carolina, 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 Summerville, South Carolina;

Now, Therefore, Mayor Ricky Waring and members of the Summerville Town Council do hereby proclaim the month of November 2023 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

Done at Summerville, South Carolina
This 20th day of July, 2023

Ricky Waring, Mayor