

CITY OF WESTON

Proclamation

LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Whereas, lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death among men and women in the United States and in Florida in 2022, accounting for more deaths than colon cancer, breast cancer, and prostate cancer combined; and

WHEREAS, Whereas, according to the Centers for Disease Control, there were 5,566 new lung cancer cases and 3,625 deaths because of lung cancer between 2015 and 2019 in Broward County; and

WHEREAS, 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, Whereas, women diagnosed with lung cancer are more likely to be younger and never-smokers, lung cancer incidence and mortality rates in women are rising relative to men, more women die from lung cancer than breast cancer every year and by 2035, it is expected that more women will die from lung cancer than men; and

WHEREAS, Whereas, organizations working in Florida, 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 Weston and South Florida.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Margaret Brown, as Mayor, and on behalf of Commissioner Byron L. Jaffe, Commissioner Mary Molina-Macfie, Commissioner Chris Eddy and Commissioner Henry Mead do hereby proclaim **November as Lung Cancer Awareness Month in Weston** 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.


Mayor Margaret Brown



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