PROCLAMATION DECLARING NOVEMBER 2022 AS LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

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

WHEREAS, according to the American Cancer Society, there were 235,760 new lung cancer cases and 131,880 deaths because of lung cancer in 2021; 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, 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 and dramatically reducing the risk of death at 10 years for both men and women; 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 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.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Holmdel that November 2022 is hereby proclaimed to be

LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in the Township of Holmdel to be commemorated by the residents of the Township.

PROCLAIMED this 22nd day of November, 2022.

Holmdel Township Committee Gregory Buontempo, Mayor

Attest:

Wendy L Patrovich, RMC/CMR Township Clerk