



**PROCLAMATION  
PROCLAIMING NOVEMBER AS LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death among men and women in the United States in 2020, accounting for more deaths than colon cancer, breast cancer, and prostate cancer combined; and

WHEREAS, the 5-year survival rate for localized lung cancer is 59%, yet only 17% 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 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, 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, 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, I, Mayor Robert C. Johnson, and the Smyrna Town Council do hereby proclaim November as

**LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

in Smyrna, DE 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.

Adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Smyrna this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November 2021.

ATTEST:

Robert C. Johnson, Mayor

William D. Pressley Sr., Council Secretary