



# Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death among men and women in the United States, accounting for more deaths in Maryland in 2020 than colon cancer, breast cancer, and prostate cancer combined; and
- WHEREAS,** according to the Maryland Department of Health, there were 18,653 new lung cancer cases and 13,385 deaths because of lung cancer in Maryland between 2015 and 2019; and
- WHEREAS,** the 5-year survival rate for localized lung cancer is approximately 59%, yet only approximately 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, additional research is needed in early diagnosis; screening; and treatment for lung cancer as well as 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, more women die from lung cancer than breast cancer every year, lung cancer incidence and mortality rates in women are rising relative to men, and by 2035 it is expected that more women will die from lung cancer than men; and
- WHEREAS,** organizations working in the Salisbury Community such as the American Lung Cancer Screening Initiative and Women's Lung Cancer Forum are committed to educating the public about lung cancer and lung cancer screening, and to increasing lung cancer screening rates in Salisbury, Maryland;

**NOW THEREFORE, I, Julia Glanz, City Administrator of the City of Salisbury, do hereby proclaim November 2020 as**

## **"LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH"**

*in our City to increase awareness of the need for research in lung cancer affecting women and lung cancer health disparities, and to encourage all Citizens to learn about lung cancer and early detection through lung cancer screening.*

**IN WITNESS THEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Salisbury this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020.**



*Julia Glanz, City Administrator*