

Proclamation

City of Pembroke Pines

LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

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

WHEREAS, according to the American Cancer Society, there were 63,365 new lung cancer cases and 41,995 deaths because of lung cancer between 2013 and 2017 in Florida; 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 chest x-ray in the National Lung Screening Trial; and

WHEREAS, funding for lung cancer research trials are 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 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; and

WHEREAS, organizations working in the Pembroke Pines community, such as the American Lung Cancer Screening Initiative and Women's Lung Cancer Forum, are committed to education about lung cancer and working to increase lung cancer screening rates in Pembroke Pines.

NOW THEREFORE, I, FRANK C. ORTIS, Mayor of the City of Pembroke Pines, Florida do hereby proclaim November 2020 as:

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in the City of Pembroke Pines, and recognize the need for research in lung cancer health disparities, and encourage all citizens, to learn about lung cancer and early detection through lung cancer screening.



Mayor



City Clerk

