

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No.

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

WHEREAS, Lung cancer is the second most common cancer in the United States; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 15 men and 1 in 17 women in the United States will develop lung cancer during their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, It is estimated that in 2020, 228,820 individuals in the United States will be diagnosed with lung cancer, and 135,720 individuals will die from the disease; and

WHEREAS, The 5-year survival rate for localized lung cancer is around 59 percent, yet only about 17 percent of lung cancers are diagnosed at this stage; and

WHEREAS, Screening for lung cancer for high-risk individuals using low-dose CT scans can lead to the earlier detection of lung cancer and save lives, reducing the mortality by 20 percent when compared to screening by chest x-ray and reducing the risk of death at 10 years by 24 percent in men and 33 percent in women when compared to no screening; and

WHEREAS, Lung cancer screening can effectively reduce lung cancer mortality, yet only a small percentage of individuals (3.9 to 8.6 percent) considered to be at high risk for developing lung cancer actually undergo lung cancer screening with low-dose computed tomography; and

WHEREAS, Educational efforts can increase awareness for lung cancer and lung cancer screening among the general public, patients, and health care workers, thereby increasing the early detection of lung cancer; 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 to address lung cancer health disparities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence hereby acknowledges November as Lung Cancer Awareness Month in perpetuity, and further encourages all Rhode Islanders to consult with their Doctor about the efficacy and importance of lung cancer screening.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon passage, a copy of this resolution be sent to the Mayor of Providence.