



PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

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

WHEREAS: According to the American Cancer Society, there are 12,673 new cases and 8,399 deaths in Florida due to lung cancer annually; and

WHEREAS: Screening for lung cancer using low-dose computed tomography can lead to earlier detection of lung cancer, reducing the mortality by 20% when compared to screening by chest x-ray, reducing the risk of death by 24% in men and 33% in women; and

WHEREAS: Funding for lung cancer research trails far behind funding for research of 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: Lung cancer and its mortality rates in women are rising relative to men, and 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 and by 2035, it is expected that more women will die from lung cancer than men; and

WHEREAS: Organizations in the Jacksonville community, such as the American Lung Cancer Screening Initiative and Women's Lung Cancer Forum, are committed to educating about lung cancer and screenings to increase lung cancer screening rates in Jacksonville.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim November 2020 as

LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in Jacksonville 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.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 30th day of October
in the year Two Thousand Twenty

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lenny Curry".

MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA