



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, according to the American Cancer Society, lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer deaths in both men and women in the United States, with approximately 135,720 deaths and 228,820 new cases in 2020; and

WHEREAS, lung cancer accounts for more deaths each year than the next three most common cancers combined and more than half of people with lung cancer die within one year of being diagnosed; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 15,710 deaths occurred from lung cancer in New Jersey in 2020; and

WHEREAS, cigarette smoking is by far the most important risk factor for lung cancer and is responsible for close to 90 percent of deaths, with exposure to radon gas as the second leading cause of lung cancer in the US; and

WHEREAS, shared decision making between clinicians and current and former smokers on the benefits, uncertainties and harms associated with lung cancer should be part of the screening process; and

WHEREAS, advocacy and increased public awareness about the disease will result in innovations in lung cancer research, improved early detection methods and better medical treatment for lung cancer and other lung diseases;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip D. Murphy, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

NOVEMBER 2020
AS
LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in New Jersey and urge all citizens to help increase awareness of lung cancer issues and facilitate early screening of this disease.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this nineteenth day of November in the year two thousand twenty, the two hundred forty-fifth year of the Independence of the United States.

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