

# City of Annapolis



## Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death among men and women in the United States and in Maryland in 2020, accounting for more deaths 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 between 2015 and 2019 in Maryland; and
- WHEREAS,** the five-year survival rate for localized lung cancer is ~59 percent, yet only ~17 percent 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 percent 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 percent in men and 33 percent in women; and
- WHEREAS,** funding for lung cancer research trails funding for research of other cancers, and additional research is needed in early diagnosis, screening, and treatment for lung cancer; 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
- WHEREAS,** organizations working in the Annapolis community, such as the American Lung Cancer Screening Initiative and Women's Lung Cancer Forum, are committed to educating about lung cancer and lung cancer screening in Annapolis; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, GAVIN BUCKLEY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND DO HEREBY PROCLAIM**

**November as**

**Lung Cancer Awareness Month**

**IN THE CITY OF ANNAPOLIS**

And I 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.



Gavin Buckley, Mayor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto Set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Annapolis to be affixed this 17<sup>th</sup> Day of November in the year of our Lord, two thousand twenty.