

Proclamation

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

WHEREAS, according to the Minnesota State Department of Health, there were 3,359 lung cancer cases between 2012 and 2016 in Hennepin County; 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 screening by chest x-ray in the National Lung Screening Trial and reducing the risk of death at 10 years by 24% in men and 33% in women as demonstrated by another large randomized trial; 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 in lung cancer affecting women and 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, Minneapolis was one of the first cities in Minnesota to ban indoor smoking with the Minnesota Clean Indoor Air Act in 2007, along with the use of electronic delivery devices with an amendment to the MCIAA in 2019; and

WHEREAS, multiple efforts have been made to limit the retail of flavor and menthol tobacco, leading to the Minneapolis City Council passing the Tobacco 21 Ordinance in 2018, which raised the legal age of purchasing tobacco from 18 to 21; and

WHEREAS, organizations working in the Minneapolis community, such as Healthy Living Group and the American Lung Cancer Screening Initiative are committed to educating about lung cancer and lung cancer screening and working to increase lung cancer screening rates in Minneapolis.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JACOB FREY, Mayor of Minneapolis, do hereby proclaim November 2020 as:

LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS

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.



Mayor of Minneapolis

