

City of Fall River

Proclamation

Whereas, lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death among men and women in the United States and in Fall River in 2022, accounting for more deaths than colon cancer, breast cancer, and prostate cancer combined; (1)(2)

Whereas, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in Massachusetts there were 5,266 new lung cancer cases and 2,952 deaths because of lung cancer in 2019, with the 5-year survival rate for localized lung cancer being ~59% but only ~17% of lung cancers being diagnosed at this stage; (2)

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 (3) and reducing the risk of death at 10 years by 24% in men and 33% in women as demonstrated by another large randomized trial; (4)

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;

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; (5)(6)

Whereas, organizations working in our 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 and working to increase lung cancer screening rates in Fall River.


NOW, Therefore, I, Paul E. Coogan, Mayor of the City of Fall River, Massachusetts do hereby proclaim November, 2022 as

Lung Cancer Awareness Month

And recognize the need for research on 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.



WITNESSED MY HAND and
The official seal of Fall River, Massachusetts


Paul E. Coogan Mayor