

# Baton



# Rouge

## Proclamation

From the  
Office of the Mayor-President  
City of Baton Rouge  
Parish of East Baton Rouge  
State of Louisiana

- WHEREAS,** lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death among men and women in the United States and Louisiana in 2023, accounting for more deaths than colon cancer, breast cancer, and prostate cancer combined; and
- WHEREAS,** according to the Centers for Disease Control, there were 63.4% incident rates of new lung cancer cases and 43.5% deaths because of lung cancer between 2015 and 2019 in Louisiana; 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,** 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,** organizations working in the East Baton Rouge Parish 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 the City of Baton Rouge and East Baton Rouge Parish.

Now, Therefore, I, Sharon Weston Broome, Mayor-President of the City of Baton Rouge and the Parish of East Baton Rouge do hereby proclaim November 2023 as

## LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

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 WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Baton Rouge and the Parish of East Baton Rouge, to be affixed upon this twenty-second day of June in the year of our Lord, two thousand and twenty-three.



**Sharon Weston Broome**  
Mayor-President