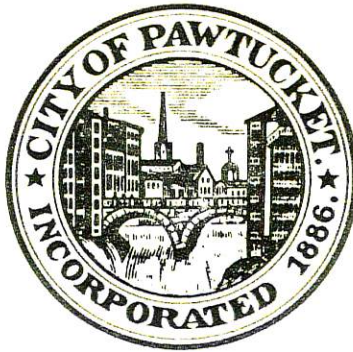


# Proclamation



For the City of Pawtucket by His Honor  
Mayor Donald R. Grebien

WHEREAS, lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death among men and women in the United States and in 2022, accounting for more deaths than colon cancer, breast cancer, and prostate cancer combined; and

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, there are numerous new lung cancer cases and deaths because of lung cancer annually in Rhode Island currently at a rate of 69.3 per 100,000, with the 5-year survival rate for localized lung cancer being ~59% but only ~17% of lung cancers being 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 is 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, organizations working in the community, such as the American Lung Cancer Screening Initiative and Women's Lung Cancer Forum, are committed to educating people about lung cancer and lung cancer screening while working to increase lung cancer screening rates.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, DONALD R. GREBIEN, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET, ON BEHALF OF ALL OUR CITIZENS, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM NOVEMBER AS:**

## **LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

**IN THE CITY OF PAWTUCKET, RHODE ISLAND AND ENCOURAGE ALL CITIZENS TO OBSERVE THIS MONTH BY EDUCATING THEMSELVES ABOUT THE NEED FOR RESEARCH ON LUNG CANCER AFFECTING WOMEN AND LUNG CANCER HEALTH DISPARITIES WHILE ENCOURAGING ONE ANOTHER TO LEARN ABOUT EARLY DETECTION THROUGH SCREENING.**

In witness, whereof, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the City to be affixed at Pawtucket this First day of November in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.

Donald R. Grebien, Mayor of Pawtucket

