

Proclamation



CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK

Office of the Mayor

- WHEREAS: Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death among men and women in New York State. Across the country, lung cancer accounts for more deaths than colon cancer, breast cancer, and prostate cancer combined; and
- WHEREAS: The 5-year survival rate for localized lung cancer is ~60%, yet only ~24% of lung cancers are diagnosed at this stage; and
- WHEREAS: Screening for lung cancer among high-risk individuals using low-dose tomography can lead to the earlier detection of lung cancer and save lives. This kind of screening reduced the mortality of lung cancer by 20% when compared to screening by chest x-ray in the National Lung Screening Trial and reduced 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: Lung cancer incidence is decreasing twice as fast in men as it is in women, each year more women die from lung cancer than breast cancer and by 2035, more women will die from lung cancer than men; and
- WHEREAS: African Americans have the highest lung cancer incidence and mortality of all races, and disparities in lung cancer screening, diagnosis, treatment, and mortality are well characterized among African Americans and other racial minorities; and
- WHEREAS: Lung cancer in individuals who never smoked is the 7th leading cause of cancer-related death and accounts for 17,000-26,000 deaths in the US every year, 60-70% of individuals diagnosed with lung cancer who never smoked are women, and the proportion of lung cancers diagnosed in people who never smoked is increasing in the US. Radon is the leading cause of lung cancer among individuals who never smoked and the second leading cause of lung cancer overall; and
- WHEREAS: The stigma surrounding lung cancer creates barriers to early diagnosis, treatment, and funding for research, has a detrimental impact on the quality of life of people diagnosed with lung cancer, and hinders awareness of and research into lung cancer risk factors other than smoking; and
- WHEREAS: Lung cancer research is leading to breakthroughs in the identification of genetic alterations associated with lung cancer and in the development of lung cancer treatments, including immunotherapies and targeted therapies; and
- WHEREAS: Organizations working in New York State, 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.

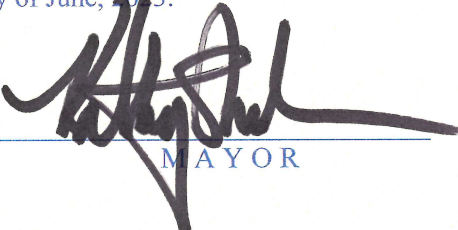
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kathy M. Sheehan, Mayor of the City of Albany, New York do hereby proclaim the month of November 2023, to be:

“Lung Cancer Awareness Month”

in the City of Albany, and encourage all residents of Albany to learn more about lung cancer, risk factors, early detection, and to take action.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Albany, New York to be affixed this 7th day of June, 2023.


MAYOR