



# PROCLAMATION

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

*WHEREAS, the 5-year survival rate for localized lung cancer is ~60%, yet only ~24% of lung cancers are diagnosed at this stage;*

*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;*

*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;*

*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.*

*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;*

*WHEREAS, radon is the leading cause of lung cancer among individuals who never smoked and the second leading cause of lung cancer overall.*

*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;*

*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;*

*WHEREAS, organizations 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, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the City Council of the City of Rancho Cucamonga does hereby proclaim November 2023 as Lung Cancer Awareness Month in the City and encourage all citizens to learn about lung cancer and early detection through lung cancer screening.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City Council of the City of Rancho Cucamonga, California, have hereunto set their hand and caused the seal of the City of Rancho Cucamonga to be affixed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November 2023.*



  
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