



City of Arts & Innovation

## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death among men and women in the United States and California 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 were 5,332 new lung cancer cases and 3,790 deaths because of lung cancer between 2015 and 2019 in Riverside County, with the 5-year survival rate for localized lung cancer being ~59%, yet only ~17% of lung cancers are 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 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 ten years by 24% in men and 33% in women as demonstrated by another sizeable 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, as 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, and more women die from lung cancer than breast cancer every year, and by 2035, the expectation is that more women will die from lung cancer than men; and

**WHEREAS**, organizations working in the Riverside community, such as the American Lung Cancer Screening Initiative and Women's Lung Cancer Forum, are committed to educating about lung cancer and working to increase lung cancer screening rates in Riverside County.

**NOW, THEREFORE** I, Patricia Lock Dawson, Mayor of the City of Riverside, California, do hereby proclaim November 2022, as

### Lung Cancer Awareness Month

I do hereby recognize the need for research on lung cancer affecting women and lung cancer health disparities and encourage all residents to learn about lung cancer and early detection through lung cancer screening.

Dated this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2022.

*Patricia Lock Dawson*

Patricia Lock Dawson, Mayor  
City of Riverside, California

