

**Town of Weymouth
Massachusetts**

The Honorable Robert L. Hedlund, Mayor



***Lung Cancer Awareness Month
November 1, 2022 ~ November 30, 2022***

WHEREAS, lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death among men and women in the United States, 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 annually, with the 5-year survival rate for localized lung cancer being 59%, but, only 17% of lung cancers are being diagnosed at this stage; and

WHEREAS, screening for lung cancer for high-risk individuals using low-dose computed tomography can lead to earlier detection of lung cancer and save lives, reducing the mortality rate by 20%, when compared with screening by chest x-ray in the *National Lung Screening Trial*, 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 far behind funding for research of many other cancers; additional research is needed in early diagnosis, screening, and treatment of lung cancer, as well as, in lung cancer affecting women and 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, such as the *American Lung Cancer Screening Initiative* and *Women's Lung Cancer Forum*, are committed to educating us about lung cancer and lung cancer screening, and working to increase lung cancer screening rates in local cities and towns like Weymouth; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Robert L. Hedlund, Mayor of the *Town of Weymouth*, do hereby proclaim the month of November as "*Lung Cancer Awareness Month*" in *Weymouth, Massachusetts*, and recognize the need for research of lung cancer affecting women and health disparities, and encourage all citizens, to learn more about lung cancer and early detection through screening.

Given Under My Hand This 1st day of November, Two Thousand Twenty-Two

Robert L. Hedlund, Mayor