

City of Jacksonville
North Carolina
Proclamation

Whereas, according to the most recent report from the Centers for Disease and Control Prevention, lung cancer was the leading cause of cancer death among men and women in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in Onslow County from 2015 to 2019, there were 666 new cases of Lung and Bronchus cancer. For every 100,000 people in the county, 64 died of this cancer; and

WHEREAS, the stigma surrounding lung cancer creates barriers to early diagnosis, treatment, and funding for research. It has a detrimental impact on the quality of life for people diagnosed with this disease as well as hinders the awareness and research into risk factors other than smoking; and

WHEREAS, research is leading to breakthroughs in the identification of genetic alterations associated with lung cancer and the development of treatments, including immunotherapies and targeted therapies; and

WHEREAS, organizations working in the City of Jacksonville such as the Onslow Memorial Hospital, are committed to educating about this disease and work to increase lung cancer screening rates in Jacksonville;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Sammy Phillips, Mayor of the City of Jacksonville, do hereby proudly proclaim the month of November 2022, as

“LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH”

in the City of Jacksonville and recognize the need for research in lung cancer and lung cancer health disparities, and encourage all citizens to learn about early detection through proactive screening.

Attest: Rose R. Marsh
City Clerk

Sammy Phillips
Mayor

