



## *A Proclamation by the Governor*

**WHEREAS**, lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death among men and women in the United States and Nevada, 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 26,138 deaths caused by lung cancer between 2015 and 2019 in the State of Nevada; 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 for high-risk individuals using low dose computed tomography can lead to the earlier detection of lung cancer and save lives, reducing the 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 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 never smokers is the 7th leading cause of cancer-related death and accounts for 17,000-26,000 deaths in the US every year (7), 60-70% of never smokers diagnosed with lung cancer are women (9,10), and the proportion of lung cancers diagnosed in never smokers is increasing in the US; and

**WHEREAS**, organizations working in Nevada, 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 in Nevada;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVE SISOLAK, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2022, as**

### **LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH IN NEVADA**



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed at the State Capitol in Carson City, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October.

By the Governor: \_\_\_\_\_ Governor

*Barbara K. Segarske*  
Secretary of State

By *Steve Sisolak*  
Deputy