

# Proclamation

**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**, in Tacoma alone, there were 3,009 new lung cancer cases and 63 deaths because of lung cancer between 2015 and 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, studies show that lung cancer screening for high-risk individuals using low dose computed tomography can lead to earlier detection and save lives, reducing mortality rates by 20 percent when compared to screening by chest x-ray, and reducing the risk of death at 10 years by 24 percent in men and 33 percent in women; 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-documented among African Americans and other racial minorities; and

**WHEREAS**, lung cancer in individuals who never smoked is on the rise, and is now the seventh leading cause of cancer-related death, and accounts for tens of thousands of deaths in the United States every year, with over 60 percent of those individuals being women; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, VICTORIA R. WOODARDS**, Mayor of the City of Tacoma, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim November 2022 as

## LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Tacoma, and recognize the need for research in 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.



WITNESS, THEREFORE, MY HAND  
AND THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE  
CITY OF TACOMA, WASHINGTON,  
This 1st day of November 2022.

*Victoria R. Woodards*  
VICTORIA R. WOODARDS, Mayor

