

# Proclamation



**Whereas**, lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death among men and women in the United States and in Connecticut, accounting for more deaths than colon cancer, breast cancer, and prostate cancer combined; and,

**Whereas**, according to the Center for Disease Control, there were 26,980 new lung cancer cases and 7,487 deaths because of lung cancer between 2015 and 2019 in Bridgeport; 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, 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. Disparities in lung cancer screening, diagnosis, treatment, and mortality are well characterized among African Americans and other racial minorities; and,

**Whereas**, lung cancer in non-smokers is the 7th leading cause of cancer-related death and accounts for 17,000-26,000 deaths in the United States every year, 60-70% of non-smokers diagnosed with lung cancer are women, and the proportion of lung cancers diagnosed in non-smokers is increasing in the United States; and,

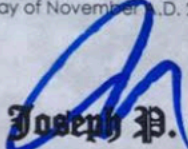
**Whereas**, the American Lung Cancer Screening Initiative and Women's Lung Cancer Forum are committed to educating the Bridgeport community about women's lung cancer and lung cancer screening by working to increase lung cancer screening rates in our city.

**Now therefore**, I, Joseph P. Ganim, Mayor of the City of Bridgeport, joined by the Bridgeport City Council, recognize the need for research in lung cancer affecting women and lung cancer health disparities, encourage all citizens to learn about early detection through lung cancer screening, and do hereby proclaim the month of November 2022 as

## “Lung Cancer Awareness Month”

In the Great City of Bridgeport, Connecticut  
In witness, whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the  
City of Bridgeport to be affixed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, A.D. 2022.



  
Joseph P. Ganim  
Mayor