

City of Portsmouth

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, 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, 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, early detection of lung cancer can dramatically improve survival rates, yet only fifteen percent of lung cancers are diagnosed in the early stages; and

Whereas, the rate of new lung cancer cases in Virginia is fifty-five, significantly lower than the national rate of fifty-eight. Over the last five years, the rate of new cases improved by thirteen percent; and

Whereas, organizations working in Virginia, 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.

Now, Therefore, I, Shannon E. Glover, Mayor of the City of Portsmouth, Virginia, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2023 as

"National Lung Cancer Awareness Month"

and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens in Portsmouth, Virginia, and encourage all to learn about lung cancer and early detection through lung cancer screening.

In Witness Whereof, and on behalf of the Portsmouth City Council, I hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Portsmouth, Virginia, to be affixed this first day of November, two thousand twenty-three.



Shannon E. Glover
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Mayor