



State of Connecticut

By His Excellency Ned Lamont, Governor: an

Official Statement

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

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control, there were 13,621 new lung cancer cases and 7,514 deaths because of lung cancer between 2015 and 2019 in Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, the five-year survival rate for localized lung cancer is approximately 60% – yet only around 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, and disparities in lung cancer screening, diagnosis, treatment, and mortality are well characterized among African Americans and other racial minorities; and

WHEREAS, organizations working in Connecticut 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 Connecticut; now

THEREFORE, I, Ned Lamont, Governor of the State of Connecticut – in recognition for the need for research in lung cancer affecting women and lung cancer health disparities, and in encouragement to all citizens to learn about lung cancer and early detection through lung cancer screening – do hereby officially proclaim the month of November 2022 to be

LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Connecticut.



Ned Lamont

GOVERNOR