

LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

November 2022

WHEREAS, lung cancer is a 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, 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

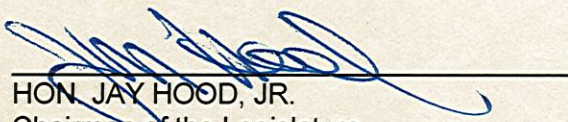
WHEREAS, African Americans have the highest lung cancer occurrence and mortality of all races, and disparities in lung cancer screening, diagnosis, treatment, and mortality are well characterized among African Americans and other racial minorities; and

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, 60-70% of never smokers diagnosed with lung cancer are women, and the proportion of lung cancers diagnosed in never smokers is increasing in the US; and

WHEREAS, organizations working in Rockland County, 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 our community.

NOW, therefore, I, Jay Hood, Jr., Chairman of the Rockland County Legislature, on behalf of the entire Legislature, take this occasion to proclaim the month of November 2022 as **LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH** in Rockland County and recognize the need for research in lung cancer affecting women and lung cancer health disparities, and encourage all citizens to learn about lung cancer and early detection through lung cancer screening.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have caused the seal of the County of Rockland to be affixed this 17th day of November 2022.


HON. JAY HOOD, JR.
Chairman of the Legislature


LAURENCE O. TOOLE
Clerk to the Legislature

INTRODUCED BY THE HONORABLE VICE-CHAIRWOMAN LEGISLATOR ANEY PAUL