

# Proclamation

**Whereas**, lung cancer is the leading cancer killer in the United States for both men and women accounting for more deaths than colon cancer, breast cancer, and prostate cancer combined; and

**Whereas**, not all people who get lung cancer smoke. Lung cancer in people who don't smoke can be caused by exposure to radon, secondhand smoke, air pollution, family history of lung cancer, and other factors. A small portion of lung cancers develop in people with no known risk factors for the disease; 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**, 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**, 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**, awareness, early detection, and treatment are crucial in the prevention and the slowing of lung cancer; and

**Whereas**, educating people who are at risk for lung cancer due to their smoking history and age, as well as educating providers about the importance of annual lung cancer screening may reduce deaths from lung cancer; and

**Now, Therefore, I**, Owen Henry, Mayor of Old Bridge Township, the Township Council, Middlesex County, State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim November 2022 as Lung Cancer Awareness Month in Old Bridge, and encourage all residents to become educated about lung cancer, take preventative measures, and raise awareness.



*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of Old Bridge Township to be affixed on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, in the year Two Thousand & Twenty-Two.*

  
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*Owen Henry, Mayor*