

STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death among men and women in Illinois and the United States in 2023, accounting for more deaths than colon cancer, breast cancer, and prostate cancer combined; and,

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control, there were 46,593 new lung cancer cases and 29,199 deaths because of lung cancer between 2016 and 2020 in Illinois; 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 mortality by 20 percent when compared to screening by chest X-ray in the National Lung Screening Trial (3) and reducing the risk of death at ten years by 24 percent in men and 33 percent in women as demonstrated by another large, randomized trial; and,

WHEREAS, women diagnosed with lung cancer are more likely to be younger and never-smokers - lung cancer incidence and mortality rates in women are rising relative to men, with more women dying from lung cancer than breast cancer every year - by 2035, more women will die from lung cancer than men; and,

WHEREAS, organizations working in the Illinois community, 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 Illinois;

*THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim November 2023 as **Lung Cancer Awareness Month** in Illinois to recognize the need for research in lung cancer affecting women and lung cancer health disparities and encourage all residents, to learn about lung cancer and early detection through lung cancer screening.*

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.

*Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,
this SIXTH day of OCTOBER, in
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
TWENTY-THREE, and of the State of Illinois,
two hundred and FIFTH.*



Alexi Giannoul
SECRETARY OF STATE

JB Pritzker
GOVERNOR