CITY OF ALLENTOWN, PA.

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, 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
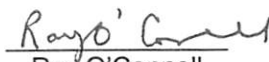
WHEREAS, funding for lung cancer research trials far behind funding for research of many other cancers, and additional research is needed in early diagnosis, screening, and treatment for lung cancer as well as in lung cancer affecting women and lung cancer health disparities; and

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. 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 the Allentown 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 Allentown.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RAY O'CONNELLL, Mayor of the City of Allentown, Pennsylvania, on behalf of all our citizens, 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 do furthermore hereby proclaim November as

LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH
IN ALLENTOWN

Ray O'Connell
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Mayor