



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death among men and women in the U.S. and in Louisiana in 2021, accounting for more deaths than colon cancer, breast cancer, and prostate cancer combined; and

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control, there were 1,107,127 new lung cancer cases and 746,042 deaths because of lung cancer, between 2014 and 2018 in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the five-year survival rate for localized lung cancer is ~59%, yet only ~17% of lung cancers are diagnosed at this stage; and

WHEREAS, screening for lung cancer on high-risk individuals using low-dose CT (LDCT) scans can lead to earlier detection of lung cancer and save lives, reducing the mortality by 20% when compared to screening by chest x-ray; and

WHEREAS, funding for lung cancer research trails far behind that 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

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, and the proportion of lung cancers diagnosed in never smokers is increasing in the U.S.; and

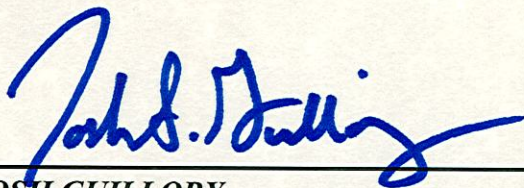
WHEREAS, organizations in Louisiana, such as the American Lung Cancer Screening Initiative and Women's Lung Cancer Forum, are committed to educating individuals about lung cancer and lung cancer screening, and are working to increase lung cancer screening rates in Louisiana.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSH GUILLORY, LAFAYETTE MAYOR-PRESIDENT, do hereby proclaim November, 2021 as

"LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH"

in Lafayette, 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 hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Office of the Mayor-President to be affixed this 1st day of November, 2021.



JOSH GUILLORY
LAFAYETTE MAYOR-PRESIDENT

