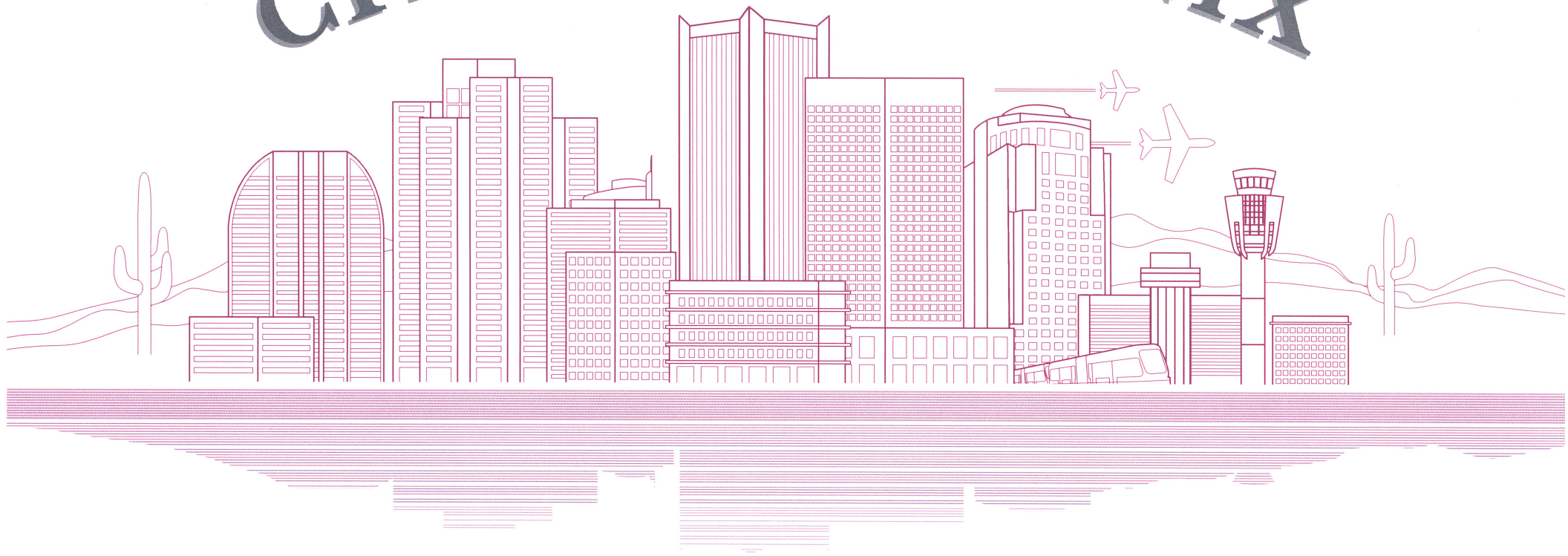


# CITY OF PHOENIX



## PROCLAMATION

Lung cancer is one of the leading causes of death among men and women in the United States. Lung cancer accounts for more cancer death than colon cancer, breast cancer, and prostate cancer combined. According to the American Cancer Society, there are 20,000 new lung cancer cases and 10,100 deaths because of lung cancer between 2013 and 2017 in Arizona.

Screening for high-risk individuals using low-dose computed tomography can lead to the earlier detection of lung cancer and save lives, reducing the mortality rate by 20%. Unfortunately, funding for lung cancer research still trails far behind funding for research of many other cancers. Additional research is needed in early diagnosis, screening, and treatment for lung cancer.

Women diagnosed with lung cancer are more likely to be younger and have never smoked, yet lung cancer incidence and mortality rates in women are rising relative to men. More women die from lung cancer than breast cancer every year. By 2035, it is expected that more women will die from lung cancer than men. This striking disparity highlights the need for more research funding.

Organizations, such as the American Lung Cancer Screening Initiative and Women's Lung Cancer Forum, are committed to educating the public about lung cancer. Their invaluable work aims to promote lung cancer screening and increase lung cancer screening rates in Phoenix. These two tactics play a vital role in the fight against lung cancer.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KATE GALLEGO, Mayor of the City of Phoenix, Arizona, in accordance with the law, do hereby proclaim November as

## LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Phoenix and hope that with increased awareness of lung cancer we can continue to advance our early detection methods and eventually find a cure.



Mayor Kate Gallego  
City of Phoenix