

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death among women in the United States and in Connecticut in 2021, accounting for more deaths than breast cancer, ovarian, and cervical cancer combined; and

WHEREAS The 5-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 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 (3) 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 and by 2035 it is estimated that more women will die from lung cancer than men; and

WHEREAS Incidence of lung cancer is higher among young women when compared to young men in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS Women are more likely than men to be younger and to have never smoked at the time of lung cancer diagnosis; and

WHEREAS The current United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) lung screening guidelines preclude screening of many high-risk women and additional research is needed to better understand differences in the epidemiology of lung cancer between men and women; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, David R. Martin, Mayor of the City of Stamford, hereby proclaim the first week of November 2021 as

WOMEN'S LUNG CANCER AWARENESS WEEK

in the City of Stamford, and recognize the need for research in lung cancer affecting women and lung cancer health disparities. We encourage all citizens to learn about lung cancer and early detection through lung cancer screening.


DAVID R. MARTIN, MAYOR

