

# COUNTY OF HAWAI'I

## *Proclamation*

*WHEREAS*, lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death among men and women in the United States and in the County of Hawai'i in 2020, accounting for more deaths than colon cancer, breast cancer and prostate cancer combined; and

*WHEREAS*, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, there were 606 new lung cancer cases and 418 deaths due to lung cancer between 2013 and 2017 in Hawai'i County; and

*WHEREAS*, the five-year survival rate for localized lung cancer is 59%,

*WHEREAS*, screening for lung cancer for high-risk individuals using low-dose computed tomography can lead to earlier detection of lung cancer and save lives, reducing the mortality rate by 20%, compared to screening by chest x-ray in the National Lung Screening Trial, and reducing the risk of death by 10 years by 24% for men and 33% in women as demonstrated by another large randomized trial; and

*WHEREAS*, funding for lung cancer research trails 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*, women diagnosed with lung cancer are likely to be younger and never-smokers; lung cancer incidence and mortality rates in women are rising relative to men; more women die of lung cancer than breast cancer every year; and by 2035, it is expected that more women will die of lung cancer than men; and

*WHEREAS*, organizations working in the Hawai'i 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 Hawai'i,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Harry Kim, Mayor of Hawai'i County, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2020, as

### LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in the County of Hawai'i, 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 County of Hawai'i to be affixed. Done this 1st day of November, 2020, in Hilo, Hawai'i.



*Harry Kim*  
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MAYOR