

City of Annapolis



Proclamation

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

WHEREAS, the five-year survival rate for localized lung cancer is ~59 percent, yet only ~17 percent 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 percent 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 percent in men and 33 percent 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, the 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 Annapolis 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 Annapolis.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GAVIN BUCKLEY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE FIRST WEEK OF

November 2021 as

Women's Lung Cancer Awareness Week

IN THE CITY OF ANNAPOLIS

and recognize the need for research in lung cancer affecting women and lung cancer health disparities, and encourage all residents to learn about lung cancer and early detection through lung cancer screening



Gavin Buckley, Mayor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto Set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Annapolis to be affixed this 1st Day of November in the year of our Lord, two thousand twenty-one.