



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Ben Walsh, Mayor

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death among men and women in the United States and in Syracuse, New York in 2021, accounting for more deaths than colon cancer, breast cancer, and prostate cancer combined; and
- WHEREAS,** according to the Onondaga County Health Department, there were 120.2 new lung cancer annual cases on average between 2013 and 2017. The five-year survival rate for localized lung cancer is 59%, yet only 17% of lung cancer patients are diagnosed at this stage; and
- WHEREAS,** screening for lung cancer for high-risk individuals using low-dose computed tomography can lead to early detection of lung cancer and help save lives. The risk of mortality is reduced by 20% when compared to screening by chest x-ray in the National Lung Screening Trial by 24% in men and 33% in women as demonstrated by another large randomized trial; and
- WHEREAS,** lung cancer have been decreasing twice as fast in men as it has been in women. Each year more women die from lung cancer than breast cancer and by 2035, more women will die from lung cancer than men; and
- WHEREAS,** African Americans have the highest lung cancer incidence and mortality rate of all races. Disparities in lung cancer screening, diagnosis, treatment, and mortality are well documented among African Americans and other racial minorities; and
- WHEREAS,** lung cancer in people who do not smoke, known as “never smokers,” is the 7th leading cause of cancer-related deaths and accounts for 17,000-26,000 deaths in the U.S. every year. 60-70% of never smokers diagnosed with lung cancer are women, and the proportion of lung cancers diagnosed in never smokers is increasing in the U.S.; and
- WHEREAS,** organizations working in the Syracuse community, such as the American Lung Cancer Screening Initiative, Lung Cancer Screening Center at Upstate Cancer Center, and the Women’s Lung Cancer Forum, are committed to educating about lung cancer and lung cancer screening as they work to create a better community in Syracuse and beyond.

NOW, THEREFORE, I BEN WALSH, Mayor of the City of Syracuse, hereby proclaim the Month of November, Two Thousand Twenty-One to recognize the

American Lung Cancer Screening Initiative

In the City of Syracuse

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Syracuse to be imprinted on this Twenty-Ninth Day of April, Two Thousand Twenty-One.

Ben Walsh
Mayor

