



# Proclamation

*Commemorating National Lung Cancer  
Awareness Month*

**Whereas** November is National Lung Cancer Awareness Month. Lung Cancer is the leading cause of cancer death among men and women in the U.S. and in New Hampshire in 2021, accounting for more deaths than colon cancer, breast cancer and prostate cancer combined. According to the American Cancer Society, there were 4,332 new lung cancer cases and 2,795 deaths from lung cancer between 2013 and 2017 in New Hampshire; 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** Lung cancer in people who have never smoked is the 7<sup>th</sup> leading cause of cancer-related death and accounts for 17,000 to 26,000 deaths in the U.S. every year. Sixty to 70% of people who've never smoked 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 Nashua community, including 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 Nashua; and

**Now,  
Therefore:** I, **Jim Donchess, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NASHUA, NEW HAMPSHIRE**, do hereby proclaim **November 2021** as ***National Lung Cancer Awareness Month*** in Nashua and encourage all citizens to learn about lung cancer and early detection through lung cancer screening.

**Jim Donchess, Mayor**  
City of Nashua, New Hampshire