



PROCLAMATION


- WHEREAS, lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death among men and women in the United States in 2021, accounting for more deaths than colon cancer, breast cancer, and prostate cancer combined; and
- WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in King County there were 4,899 new lung cancer cases and 3,150 deaths because of lung cancer between 2013 and 2017; 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 can lead to earlier detection and lives saved; 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 incidence is decreasing twice as fast in men as it is in women, as 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 of all races, and disparities in lung cancer screening, diagnosis, treatment, and mortality are well characterized among African Americans and other racial minorities; and
- WHEREAS, lung cancer in never-smokers is the seventh leading cause of cancer-related death and accounts for 17,000-26,000 deaths in the US every year, as 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 US; and
- WHEREAS, organizations working locally, such as the American Lung Cancer Screening Initiative and Women’s Lung Cancer Forum, are committed to educating about lung cancer and the importance of screening, and are working to increase lung cancer screening rates in Washington;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANGELA BIRNEY, Mayor of the City of Redmond, Washington, do hereby proclaim November 2021 as

LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

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




Angela Birney, Mayor

November 1, 2021
Date