

**CITY OF WASILLA PROCLAMATION
RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER AS
LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

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

WHEREAS, each year, approximately 218,500 people in the United States are diagnosed with lung cancer, and approximately 142,000 people will die from this disease; and

WHEREAS, tobacco use is the leading risk factor for lung cancer. Smoking and secondhand smoke both have been shown to cause lung cancer; and

WHEREAS, in Alaska, only 18.6% of cases are caught at an early stage, which is significantly lower than the national rate of 22.9%; ranking 48th among the 49 states with data on diagnosis at an early stage; and

WHEREAS, screening for lung cancer with annual low-dose CT scans among those at high risk can reduce the lung cancer death rate by up to 20% by detecting tumors at early stages when they are more likely to be curable; and

WHEREAS, organizations working in the Wasilla community, such as the American Lung Cancer Screening Initiative and Women's Lung Cancer Forum, are committed to educating the community about lung cancer and lung cancer screening.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Glenda D. Ledford, Mayor of the City of Wasilla, do hereby proclaim November as:

Lung Cancer Awareness Month

in the City of Wasilla and encourage all citizens to recognize the need for research in lung cancer health disparities and encourage all citizens to learn about lung cancer risks, screening, and early detection.

DATED this 8th day of November, 2021.



GLEND A. LEDFORD, MAYOR
City of Wasilla