

PROCLAMATION

Designating November 2023 as Lung Cancer Awareness Month in Windsor

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

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control, there were 3,334 new lung cancer cases and 1,779 deaths because of lung cancer between 2016 and 2020 in Hartford County; and,

WHEREAS, the 5-year survival rate for localized lung cancer is about 60%, yet only approximately 24% of lung cancers are diagnosed at this stage; and,

WHEREAS, funding for lung cancer research trials are 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,

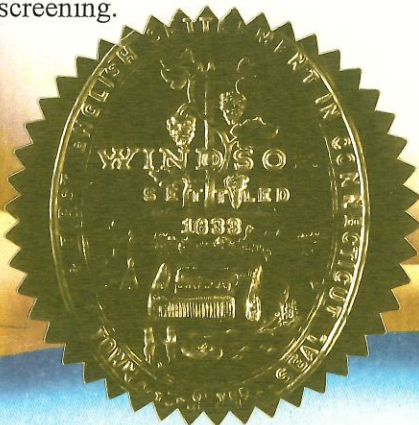
WHEREAS, lung cancer incidence is decreasing twice as fast in men as it is in women, each year more women die from lung cancer than breast cancer and by 2035, more women will die from lung cancer than men; and,

WHEREAS, lung cancer research is leading to breakthroughs in the identification of genetic alterations associated with lung cancer and in the development of lung cancer treatments, including immunotherapies and targeted therapies; and

WHEREAS, organizations working in the Hartford County such as 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 Connecticut.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR AND THE WINDSOR TOWN COUNCIL THAT:

November 2023 be declared as Lung Cancer Awareness Month in Windsor, and the need for research in lung cancer affecting women and lung cancer health disparities be recognized, and that all citizens be encouraged to learn about lung cancer and early detection through lung cancer screening.



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Mayor of Windsor
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