



A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER AS LUNG CANCER AWARENESS IN NEW ALBANY

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

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

WHEREAS, funding for lung cancer research trails 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, 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, organizations working in Ohio 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 central Ohio.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Sloan T. Spalding, Mayor of the City of New Albany, Counties of Franklin and Licking, State of Ohio, on behalf of Council and the residents of New Albany, recognize November as **LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**, urge citizens to recognize the need for research in lung cancer affecting women and lung cancer health disparities, and encourage all citizens to learn about lung cancer and early detection through lung cancer screening.

WHEREBY, I set my hand and seal this 2nd day of September, 2022.


Sloan T. Spalding, Mayor

