



Proclamation

Lung Cancer Awareness Month November 2023

WHEREAS, lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer-related death among men and women in the United States, accounting for more deaths than colon cancer, 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, screening for lung cancer for high-risk individuals using low-dose computed tomography can lead to the earlier detection of lung cancer and save lives; 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, the 2022 “State of Lung Cancer” report shows that only 5.8% of eligible Americans have been screened for lung cancer, and some states have screening rates as low as 1%; and

WHEREAS, radon is the leading cause of lung cancer among individuals who never smoked and the second leading cause of lung cancer overall; 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 such as the American Lung Cancer Screening Initiative and Women’s Lung Cancer Forum are committed to increasing lung cancer awareness and screening rates across the country.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lydia Kou, Mayor of the City of Palo Alto, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim November 2023 as Lung Cancer Awareness Month in the City of Palo Alto and encourage all citizens to learn about lung cancer and early detection through lung cancer screening.

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Lydia Kou
Mayor