

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, lung cancer is considered the “invisible cancer” because of the late onset of symptoms when the cancer is in advanced stages, low survival rate and lack of knowledge by the public, and the disease often requires laboratory testing or imaging to diagnose, and although it is the least federally funded of the top cancers, new screenings, treatments, and therapies have improved the five-year survival rate which is approximately 56 percent for those cases detected early; and

WHEREAS, it is important to increase funding for scientific lung cancer research to ensure advancements in early diagnosis, and to improved technology and treatments so the survival rates continue to improve, and the **National Lung Cancer Awareness Month** campaign helps to bring attention to this disease, the importance of lung cancer screenings, funding for continued research, and the need for promoting optimum lung health; and

WHEREAS, the main cause of lung cancer includes smoking, radon, hazardous chemicals and particle pollution, and many people acquire lung cancer that have never smoked, and since 1904, the American Lung Association has led the fight for healthy lungs and healthy air, and its mission is to save lives by improving lung health and preventing lung disease, and the organization is committed to its goals through advocacy and increased awareness; and

WHEREAS, along with the **American Lung Association**, many organizations are dedicated to lung cancer advocacy in our community and throughout the nation including the **American Lung Cancer Screening Association** whose mission is to promote lung cancer screenings for high risk people, **Women’s Lung Cancer Forum**, a community of lung cancer patients, survivors, physicians, researchers, friends and supporters, and **Prelude to a Cure Tampa** is a local non-profit organization with the motto *The Grand Finale to Lung Cancer*.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim the month of November as

“NATIONAL LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH”

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to become educated about lung health and to join me in thanking the dedicated organizations, members of the medical community, and all those who are committed to the health and well-being of American citizens.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 10th day of October 2022.



Jane Castor

Mayor