

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, lung cancer, also known as lung carcinoma, is a malignant tumor characterized by uncontrolled cell growth in the lung tissues, and it is the number one cause of cancer death in men and women in the United States, and the American Cancer Society estimates in 2025, there will be approximately 226,650 new cases of lung cancer diagnosed and about 124,730 deaths will occur; and

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 varies depending on the stage or extent of the cancer; and

WHEREAS, it is important to increase funding for scientific lung cancer research to ensure advancements in early diagnosis, and to improve technology and treatments so the survival rates improve, and the stigma surrounding lung cancer creates barriers to early diagnosis, treatment, and funding for research, and the annual **National Lung Cancer Awareness Month** campaign helps to bring attention to this disease, the importance of screenings, funding, and the need for promoting optimum lung health, and the white ribbon associated with this awareness campaign signifies hope; 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 throughout the nation including in the Tampa Bay region such as the **American Lung Cancer Screening Initiative** whose mission includes increasing access to lung cancer screening through community outreach, advocacy, and research, and the **Women’s Lung Cancer Forum**, a community of lung cancer patients, survivors, physicians, researchers, friends and supporters.

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 2025 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 3rd day of November 2025.



Jane Castor

Mayor