

1 [Lung Cancer Awareness Month - November 2022]

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3 **Resolution declaring November 2022 as Lung Cancer Awareness Month in the City and**
4 **County of San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, Lung cancer is the second most common type of cancer; and

7 WHEREAS, There is low awareness that there have been 236,740 new cases of lung
8 cancer and 130,180 deaths from lung cancer this year alone; and

9 WHEREAS, There is low awareness of the racial and ethnic disparities in the incidence
10 and mortality rates in the U.S. as a result of lung cancer; and

11 WHEREAS, Lung cancer is by far the leading cause of cancer death, making up almost
12 twenty five percent of all cancer deaths; and

13 WHEREAS, Each year, more people die of lung cancer than die of colon, breast, and
14 prostate cancers combined; and

15 WHEREAS, Overall, the chance that a man will develop lung cancer in his lifetime is
16 about one in fifteen, and for a woman, the risk is about one in seventeen; and

17 WHEREAS, Early detection of lung cancer is low because testing requires costly CT
18 scans that are less accessible, resulting in cancer being discovered, diagnosed, and treated
19 too late; and

20 WHEREAS, Patients with metastatic (stage 4) non-small cell lung cancer that's spread
21 to distant organs or regions of the body have a five-year relative survival rate of eight percent,
22 according to the American Cancer Society; and

23 WHEREAS, Research funding for finding and treating lung cancer trails far behind
24 funding for research of other cancers; and

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1 WHEREAS, Lung cancer receives less funding than breast, prostate and leukemia
2 cancers and roughly the same funding as colorectal cancer, despite the fact that colorectal
3 cancer kills less than a third of the same number of individuals; and

4 WHEREAS, In absolute terms, lung cancer accounts for thirty two percent of cancer
5 deaths while receiving ten percent of cancer research funding; and

6 WHEREAS, While there is significant hope for higher survival rates in recent years due
7 to the discovery of new targeted therapy treatment like immunotherapy and biomarker testing,
8 there is still low awareness that more than half of the people with lung cancer continue to die
9 within one year of being diagnosed; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco, in
11 recognition of the importance of educating the public toward the goal of improved health
12 outcomes and the indiscriminate threat of lung cancer, do declare the month of November
13 2022 as Lung Cancer Awareness Month; and, be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors calls on the corporate
15 foundation partners of the Lung Cancer Research Foundation to increase their contributions
16 to fund for research into the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and cure of lung cancer.