

1 [Proclaiming November 2005 as Lung Cancer Awareness Month in San Francisco.]

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4 **Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer deaths in both men and
7 women in California, the United States and the world; and,

8 WHEREAS, this year alone, lung cancer has taken the lives of approximately 163,510
9 Americans, including 14,350 Californians, which is more than that lost to cancers of the
10 breast, prostate, and colon combined and,

11 WHEREAS, approximately 172,570 Americans will be diagnosed with lung cancer in
12 2005, most at an advanced stage due to the lack of standardized screening for early
13 detection and a failure to recognize possible early symptoms; and,

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15 WHEREAS, although there is a strong link between tobacco and lung cancer, the
16 majority of new cases each year are in former smokers or persons who have never smoked,
17 indicating the need for further research of lung cancer in order to more fully understand the
18 entire disease process; and,

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20 WHEREAS, lung cancer research has been chronically under funded in proportion to
21 its public health impact, resulting in a five-year survival rate which has remained relatively
22 unchanged over the last 30 years, while the survival rate for most other cancers has improved
23 significantly; and,

1 WHEREAS, a large portion of tobacco-related funding is used for purposes other than
2 that of lung cancer research, yet lung cancer funding from both public and private sources is
3 negatively impacted by its association with smoking; and,

4 WHEREAS, we recognize the importance of increasing awareness and understanding
5 of lung cancer in order to lessen the associated stigma and promote the appropriate use of
6 resources to help fight this deadly disease; and,

7 WHEREAS, the Lung Cancer Alliance is dedicated to informing and advocating for
8 people living with lung cancer or at risk for the disease; now, therefore, be it
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10 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
11 proclaims the month of November 2005 as Lung Cancer Awareness Month and challenge
12 every citizen of this city to actively participate in efforts to raise awareness of lung cancer in
13 the hope of saving lives.
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