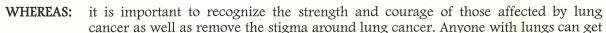


## **PROCLAMATION**

## LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH November 2023



lung cancer; and

WHEREAS: there are many factors contributing to lung cancer diagnosis, such as exposure to

radon or second hand smoke, a family history of cancer, and environmental

pollutants; and

WHEREAS: lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death among men and women in Canada,

accounting for nearly one quarter of all cancer deaths in the country, 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, reducing the mortality by 20% when compared to screening by chest x-ray in the National Lung Screening Trial and reducing the risk of death at 10 years by 24% in men and

33% in women as demonstrated by another large randomized trial; 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: organizations working in Canada such as the Canadian Lung Cancer Screening

Initiative are committed to educating about lung cancer and lung cancer screening

and working to increase lung cancer screening rates.

**NOW, THEREFORE I**, Leonard Krog, Mayor of the City of Nanaimo, do hereby proclaim November 2023 as:

## LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Nanaimo, Province of British Columbia.

Mayor Leonard Krog

Dated this 5th day of October 2023