



WHEREAS, lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer deaths in both Illinois and the United States, in both men and women combined; and,

WHEREAS, an estimated 9,430 people will be diagnosed with lung cancer and 4,910 lives will be lost from lung cancer in 2024 in Illinois; and,

WHEREAS, the Illinois rate of new lung cancer cases is 55.8 per 100,000 people and is significantly higher than the national rate of 49.1 per 100,000 people; and,

WHEREAS, lung cancer incidence and mortality rates are disproportionately highest among non-Hispanic Black males in Illinois in 2021 at 80.4 new cases per 100,000 people and 48.4 deaths per 100,000 people, according to the U.S. Cancer Statistics Data Visualizations; and,

WHEREAS, annual screening for lung cancer with low-dose computed tomography (LDCT) can reduce the lung cancer death rate by up to twenty percent, which works by detecting tumors at early stages when they are more likely to be curable; and,

WHEREAS, LDCT is recommended in adults aged 50 to 80 years who smoke, used to smoke, and have at least a 20 pack-year history of smoking (smoking one pack per day per year); and,

WHEREAS, the screening rate for individuals who are at high risk for lung cancer is just 5.6% in Illinois - people of all ages must know the signs, symptoms, risk factors of lung cancer, and about lung cancer screening; and,

WHEREAS, observing Lung Cancer Awareness Month will emphasize the importance of early detection and screening, quitting smoking tobacco products, and reducing disparities; and,

WHEREAS, observing the National Lung Cancer Screening Day on Saturday, November 9, 2024, will allow screening facilities to serve those who cannot take off time from work to be screened and to raise overall awareness of annual lung cancer screening;

*THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim November 2024 as **Lung Cancer Awareness Month** in Illinois, in support of raising public awareness of lung cancer and lung cancer screening.*

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.



Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,

this _____ TENTH _____ day of _____ OCTOBER _____, in

the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and

_____ TWENTY-FOUR _____, and of the State of Illinois,

two hundred and _____ FIFTH _____.

Alexi Giannouh
SECRETARY OF STATE

JB Pritzker
GOVERNOR