

Proclamation

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

Whereas in Illinois the rate of new lung cancer cases is 55.8 per 100,000 people, which is higher than the national rate of 54.6 per 100,000 people; and

Whereas, it is estimated that 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, lung cancer incidence and mortality rates are disproportionately highest among non-Hispanic Black males in Illinois in 2021 at 68.2 new cases per 100,000 people and 37.7 deaths per 100,000 people, respectively; and

Whereas, annual screening for lung cancer with low-dose computed tomography (LDCT) can reduce the lung cancer death rate by up to 20%, which works by detecting tumors at early stages when they are more likely to be curable, is recommended in adults aged 50 to 80 years who smoke or used to smoke and have at least a 20 pack-year history of smoking (smoking 1 pack per day for a year); and

Whereas, the screening rate for individuals who are at high risk for lung cancer is just 5.6% in Illinois. It is critical that people of all ages know the signs, symptoms, and risk factors of lung cancer; and

Whereas, observing Lung Cancer Awareness Month during the month of November will emphasize the importance of early detection and screening, quitting smoking tobacco products, and reducing disparities.

NOW THEREFORE I, Patty Gregory, Mayor of the City of Belleville, do hereby proclaim November 2024, as **Lung Cancer Awareness Month** in Belleville, 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 corporate seal of the City of Belleville to be affixed this 18th day of November, in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-four.



Patty Gregory
Patty Gregory, Mayor
Dated this 18th day of November, 2024