

Proclamation

by

Andy Beshear
Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

- WHEREAS, Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer-related deaths worldwide and in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, accounting for the highest mortality rates among both men and women; and
- WHEREAS, Kentucky has the highest rate of lung cancer in the nation, at 88 per 100,000 people, with 4,574 Kentuckians who were diagnosed and 2,926 Kentuckians who died from this disease in 2020, including 1,573 men and 1,353 women; and
- WHEREAS, Only 20% of Kentuckians diagnosed with lung cancer are alive five years later, largely because their cancer is diagnosed at a later stage when it has advanced; and
- WHEREAS, For individuals at high risk of lung cancer, annual screening by low-dose computed tomography (LDCT) is a proven effective, evidence-based, and clinically recommended method to detect this disease at its earliest, most treatable stage, reducing lung cancer mortality by more than 20%; and
- WHEREAS, In Kentucky, 13% of those at high risk of lung cancer and eligible for LDCT lung cancer screening are being screened each year, placing Kentucky 4th in the nation; and
- WHEREAS, Lung Cancer Screening Day asks healthcare facilities providing LDCT lung cancer screening to open their doors on the second Saturday in November for a day of public awareness and increased access for individuals at high risk of lung cancer across the Commonwealth;


NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANDY BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim November 2023, as

LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in Kentucky and observe November 11, 2023, as **LUNG CANCER SCREENING DAY**.



DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort the 9th day of November, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Three and in the 232nd year of the Commonwealth.


ANDY BESHEAR
GOVERNOR


Michael G. Adams
Secretary of State