

PROCLAMATION



Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death among men and women in the United States and in Appleton, Wisconsin, causing more deaths than colon, breast, and prostate cancers combined; and

WHEREAS, from 2018 to 2022, there were 580 new lung cancer cases and 348 deaths in Appleton, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and

WHEREAS, the five-year survival rate for localized lung cancer is approximately 60%, yet only about 24% of cases are diagnosed at this stage; and

WHEREAS, low-dose computed tomography (LDCT) screening for high-risk individuals can detect lung cancer earlier and reduce mortality by 20% to 33% compared to chest X-ray screening; and

WHEREAS, lung cancer research remains underfunded compared to other cancers, and greater investment is needed in early diagnosis, screening, treatment, and addressing health disparities; and

WHEREAS, although lung cancer rates are declining, the decrease is occurring twice as fast among men as among women, and by 2035 more women are projected to die from lung cancer than men; and

WHEREAS, African Americans and other racial minorities experience higher incidence, mortality, and barriers to screening and treatment. Veterans face higher rates of lung cancer and poorer outcomes, underscoring the need for targeted research and early detection; and

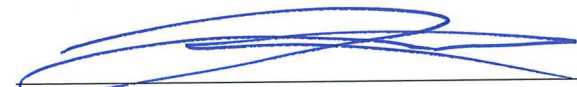
WHEREAS, stigma surrounding lung cancer hinders early diagnosis, treatment, and research funding, while advances in genetics, immunotherapy, and targeted treatments are offering new hope for patients;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, JACOB A. WOODFORD, Mayor of the City of Appleton, Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim November 2025 as

Lung Cancer Awareness Month

in Appleton and encourage all residents to raise awareness, support early detection and treatment efforts, and honor those we have lost while offering hope to those affected.

Signed and sealed this 21st day of October 2024.


JACOB A. WOODFORD
MAYOR OF APPLETON

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