

# Board of County Commissioners

## PROCLAMATION



- Whereas,** Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death in the U.S. and in Nevada; and
- Whereas,** The American Cancer Society estimates 2,030 Nevadans will be diagnosed with lung cancer in 2022 and 1,170 will die of the disease; and
- Whereas,** Those living in persistent poverty have a 16% higher mortality rate from lung cancer and are more likely to have higher cancer risk factors, including cigarette smoking and less access to health care; and
- Whereas,** Lung cancer can be caused by a variety of factors including smoking and exposure to secondhand smoke, exposure to elevated levels of radon, chemicals or air pollution, or a family history of lung cancer; and
- Whereas,** Screening for lung cancer is recommended for adults ages 50 to 80 and is available throughout Washoe County, yet only a handful of those eligible have been screened; and
- Whereas,** There is a stigma associated with lung cancer, causing some people to not get screened or receive treatment after diagnosis because; and
- Whereas,** The Nevada Cancer Coalition and its many community members and partners are working to increase awareness of lung cancer screening, reduce the stigma associated with the disease, reduce the exposure to risk factors associated with the disease, and ensure more Nevadans receive lung cancer screening;
- NOW, THEREFORE,** the Washoe County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim November 2022 as

### Lung Cancer Awareness Month

Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> of November, 2022.

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Vaughn Hartung, Chair  
Washoe County Commission

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