

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF HORRY
CITY OF MYRTLE BEACH



LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH NOVEMBER 2020

WHEREAS, Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death among men and women in the US and in South Carolina during 2020, accounting for more deaths than colon cancer, breast cancer and prostate cancer, combined; and

WHEREAS, According to the South Carolina Central Cancer Registry, Horry County experienced an average of 340 new lung cancer cases and 239 deaths per year because of lung cancer between 2013 and 2017; and

WHEREAS, The five-year survival rate for localized lung cancer is approximately 59 percent, although only 17 percent of lung cancers are diagnosed at that stage, which indicates the great need for early screening and detection; and

WHEREAS, Women who are diagnosed with lung cancer are more likely to be younger and never-smokers, with more women dying from lung cancer than breast cancer every year; and

WHEREAS, Organizations working in Myrtle Beach, such as the American Lung Cancer Screening Initiative and Women's Lung Cancer Forum, are committed to educating all about lung cancer and the need for increased screening locally;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Myrtle Beach City Council hereby proclaims November 2020 as Lung Cancer Awareness Month; encourages all citizens to learn about lung cancer and early detection through screening; and recognizes that lung cancer research lags other cancer research and requires additional funding and support.

Signed and sealed this 27th day of October 2020.



Brenda Bethune
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