



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, lung cancer is one of the leading causes of cancer death among men and women in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the 5-year survival rate for localized lung cancer is ~65%, while the survival rate for all types of lung cancer is 23%; and

WHEREAS, funding for lung cancer research trials far behind funding for research of many other cancers, and additional research is needed in early diagnosis, screening, and treatment for lung cancer as well as in lung cancer affecting women and lung cancer health disparities; and

WHEREAS, African Americans specifically African American men have the highest lung cancer incidence and mortality of all races, and disparities in lung cancer screening, diagnosis, treatment, and mortality are characterized among African Americans and other racial minorities; and

WHEREAS, screening for lung cancer for high-risk individuals using low- dose computed tomography can lead to the earlier detection and save lives; and

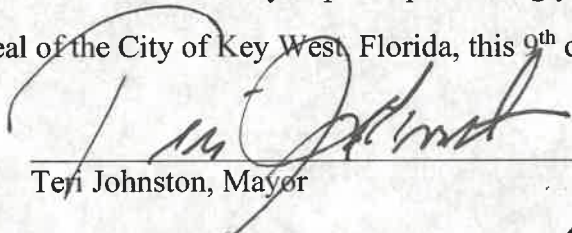
WHEREAS, organizations working in Monroe County and Florida, such as the American Lung Cancer Screening Initiative and Women's Lung Cancer Forum, are committed to educating about lung cancer and lung cancer screening and working to increase lung cancer screening rates in Key West.

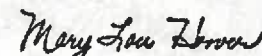
NOW, THEREFORE, I, TERI JOHNSTON, MAYOR of the City of Key West, along with the entire Key West City Commission do hereby proclaim the month of November, 2023 as

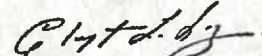
LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States." I would like to urge all citizens, residents, and visitors of our Southernmost City to participate fittingly in this observation.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 9th day of November 2023.


Teri Johnston, Mayor


Mary Lou Hoover, Commissioner


Clayton Lopez, Commissioner