

***RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER AS LUNG CANCER
AWARENESS MONTH***

***WHEREAS**, lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death among men and women in the United States and South San Francisco, accounting for more deaths than colon cancer, breast cancer, and prostate cancer combined; and*

***WHEREAS**, according to the Centers for Disease Control, there were 1,649 new lung cancer cases between 2018 and 2022 and 921 deaths because of lung cancer between 2019 and 2023 in San Mateo County; and*

***WHEREAS**, screening for lung cancer for high-risk individuals using low-dose computed tomography can lead to the earlier detection of lung cancer, reducing the mortality by 20% and funding for lung cancer research is needed as early diagnosis, screening, and treatment for lung cancer can save lives; and*

***WHEREAS**, lung cancer in individuals who never smoked is the 7th leading cause of cancer-related death and accounts for 17,000-26,000 deaths in the US every year and radon is the leading cause of lung cancer among individuals who never smoked and the second leading cause of lung cancer overall; and*

***WHEREAS**, the stigma surrounding lung cancer creates barriers to early diagnosis, treatment, funding for research, and has a detrimental impact on the quality of life of people diagnosed with lung cancer, and hinders awareness of and research into lung cancer risk factors other than smoking; and*

***WHEREAS**, organizations working in South San Francisco such as the American Lung Cancer Screening Initiative and Women’s Lung Cancer Forum, are committed to educating the community about lung cancer, necessary screenings and are working to increase screening rates in South City.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of South San Francisco does hereby recognize November as Lung Cancer Awareness Month and acknowledges the need for additional research and encourages everyone to learn about their risk for lung cancer, talk to their health care provider about recommended screenings for early detection.*

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