

Office Of The Mayor



City Of Milford

Benjamin G. Blake
Mayor

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, lung and bronchial cancer is the top cancer killer for both men and women in the United States. The American Cancer Society's lung cancer estimates in the United States for 2013 total about 228,190 new cases, 118,080 in men and 110,110 in women. It is estimated there will be 159,480 deaths from lung cancer, which accounts for about 27 percent of all cancer deaths; and

WHEREAS, factors in the family, the home and/or workplace can increase the risk of developing lung cancer, but tobacco smoking is by far the leading cause of lung cancer. In the 20th century, the world population began to experience rising mortality from lung cancer caused by chronic exposure to tobacco smoke. Cigarette smoking is the biggest risk factor for lung cancer as it is estimated to cause 85 percent of all lung cancers in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the risk of developing lung cancer increases with age. Lung cancer can occur in young people, although it is unusual in people younger than 40. The chance of a man developing lung cancer in his lifetime is about 1 in 13 and about 1 in 16 for a woman. These numbers include both smokers and non-smokers. A smokers risk is much higher than non-smokers. In general, lung cancer patients have a poor prognosis with almost 90 percent dying from this type of cancer; and

WHEREAS, if lung cancer is caught in early stages, some patients can be treated with surgery and have a better prognosis. Recent draft recommendations by the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force, states that people aged 55 to 79 with a lengthy history of at least moderate smoking in the past 15 years would get significant benefits while experiencing relatively little harm from a low-dose chest CT scan.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BENJAMIN G. BLAKE, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MILFORD, CONNECTICUT, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim August 1, 2013 as

LUNG CANCER AWARENESS DAY

in Milford and ask all our citizens to honor, support and show compassion to those who are fighting this devastating cancer.



In witness thereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of The City of Milford to be affixed.

Mayor, City of Milford, Connecticut