

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, every three minutes and thirty seconds, someone in the United States loses their battle with lung cancer. Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer deaths for women and men; and

**WHEREAS**, lung cancer is an especially serious threat to women who are being diagnosed at frightening rates – every five minutes a woman is told she has lung cancer. The death rate has more than doubled over the past 35 years, surpassing the death rate for women with breast cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, advocacy, increased awareness, and education can result in better and more treatments for women with lung cancer and other lung diseases, such as COPD and asthma, and will ultimately save lives. Public support for research funding will result in early detection methods, adding to the number of lives saved; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Lung Association was established over 115 years ago, and is the leading organization working to defeat lung cancer. Their endless work has increased the five-year survival rate of those with lung cancer, by 26 percent, over the past 10 years. These efforts are making an enormous difference in the lives of those with the disease; and

**WHEREAS**, LUNG FORCE is a national initiative, led by the American Lung Association, with the mission of making lung cancer history – uniting women to stand together with a collective strength and determination to lead the fight against lung cancer and for lung health.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Partington, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, do hereby proclaim May 11 - 17, 2020, as

## WOMEN'S LUNG HEALTH WEEK

in the City of Ormond Beach and urge all residents to learn more about the detection and treatment of lung cancer.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, to be affixed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty.

  
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**BILL PARTINGTON**

Mayor