

# PROCLAMATION



State of Florida  
Collier County  
City of Marco Island

## **NATIONAL LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS,** Lung Cancer is the leading cause of Cancer-related deaths in the United States (125,070) and Florida (10,090) and can affect anyone at any age.

**WHEREAS,** Lung Cancer takes more lives each year than breast, prostate and colorectal cancers combined.

**WHEREAS,** One of the most misunderstood aspects of lung cancer is that it doesn't just affect smokers or older adults.

**WHEREAS,** There is a growing subset of younger, otherwise healthy individuals who develop lung cancer driven by genetic mutations or rearrangements; among these, are ALK-positive patients who are typically non-smokers.

**WHEREAS,** There is significantly less research funding devoted to lung cancer compared to other cancers.

**WHEREAS,** Groundbreaking research has led to target therapies that have dramatically improved survival, yet, resistance develops over time, and more research is needed to overcome it.

**WHEREAS,** Lung Cancer Awareness Month is supported by several organizations, including ALK Positive, an organization of families, survivors and caregivers who connect clinical researchers with pharmaceutical companies to advance clinical trials, develop new therapies and promote awareness.

**WHEREAS,** Through actions of the ALK Positive Organization, GO2 Foundation For Lung Cancer and the Lung Cancer Research Foundation there is initiative to bring public awareness and knowledge of the prevalence of lung cancer, the progress made in extending progression free quality of life and the continued research needed to turn lung cancer from a deadly diagnosis to a story of hope and survivorship.

**NOW THEREFORE,** The City Council of the City of Marco Island proclaims the month of November 2025 as Lung Cancer Awareness Month .

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Eric Brechnitz, Chairman

### **ATTEST**

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Joan Taylor, City Clerk