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**RESOLUTION**  
**2023-015**

***A Resolution to Recognize November as Lung Cancer Awareness Month***

*WHEREAS, the American Lung Cancer Screening Initiative has a mission to spread awareness about the importance of lung cancer screening and has provided information to demonstrate this importance; and*

*WHEREAS, lung cancer is the second most common cancer in the United States; and*

*WHEREAS, lung cancer is the deadliest cancer in the United States and the world, accounting for approximately 136,000 annual deaths; and*

*WHEREAS, most lung cancers are diagnosed at a late stage, equating to 64% of lung cancers being diagnosed at Stage III/IV; and*

*WHEREAS, the current rate of high-risk individuals who are currently getting screened for lung cancer is only 5.8% of high-risk individuals, meaning that thousands of lives are lost each year due to a lack of awareness; and*

*WHEREAS, it had been shown that lung cancer screening significantly reduces mortality as it can help to diagnose lung cancer earlier; and*

*WHEREAS, the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force recommends screening for adults who are: ages 50 to 80, and have a 20 pack-year smoking history\*, or more, and are a current or former smoker who quit within the past 15 years*

*WHEREAS, resources for lung cancer screening can be found through the American Lung Cancer Screening Initiative website and the American College of Radiology website.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*** that Council Members Scott Lobdell, Joshua Mertz, Joseph Bangura, Matthew Chapman, and Marcus Suhr along with the Town Staff and Town Residents would like to designate November 2023 as Lung Cancer Awareness Month and encourage residents to raise awareness about the resources available to screen for the disease early on.

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED*** that the Town of Townsend will share resources to raise awareness about the screening opportunities available.

*Dated: November 1st, 2023*

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