

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 2024 AS CANCER PREVENTION AND EARLY DETECTION MONTH

WHEREAS: On March 29, 2024, United States President Joe Biden signed Proclamation 10717 declaring April 2024 as National Cancer Prevention and Early Detection month.

WHEREAS: The City of Detroit is roughly 80 percent Black/African American. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Black/African Americans have the highest mortality rate of any racial group for all cancers combined.

WHEREAS: Prostate cancer death rates in Black men are more than double those of every other racial/ethnic group. Black women are 40 percent more likely to die of breast cancer than White women and are twice as likely to die if they are younger than 50 years of age. Furthermore, lung cancer is the leading cause of death for Black men with breast cancer being the leading cause for Black women.

WHEREAS: A 2022 report from the American Cancer Society, Inc., looked at cancer-related deaths for Black Americans by sex and state. Between 2015 and 2019, lung cancer was the leading cause of cancer-related deaths for Black men and women in Michigan.

WHEREAS: In the United States, lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer-related deaths. Smoking accounts for 80 percent of lung cancer incidence rates, but small particles found in air pollution can also increase the risk. More than 40 percent of the United States population live in areas with unhealthy levels of air pollution.

WHEREAS: A 2023 preliminary study from Henry Ford Health System looked at the incidence of lung cancer and air pollution data in Detroit and surrounding Wayne County communities over a nearly 40-year period from 1980 to 2018. Over this period, a total of 58,882 new cases of lung cancer were identified.

WHEREAS: Researchers concluded that poor air quality is directly correlated with lung cancer. Moreover, living in specific regions of Wayne County elevates the relative risk of developing and worsening lung cancer from air pollution.

WHEREAS: The American Lung Association's 2023 State of the Air Report ranked Detroit number 12 of the top 25 worst cities for year-round particle pollution due to the high level of emissions from power plants and vehicle pollutants.

WHEREAS: The American Society estimates that 42 percent of all cancer cases and 45 percent of cancer deaths in the United State can be prevented by not smoking tobacco, maintaining a healthy body weight, minimizing alcohol intake, and limiting exposure to air pollutants.

WHEREAS: Socioeconomic status, culture, public policy, behavior, access to health services, and the environment are all risk factors for cancer.

WHEREAS: Increasing awareness and education around risk factors that contribute to cancer and encouraging early detection of cancer through screening reduces mortality.

WHEREAS: The Detroit City Council is committed to increasing awareness and working with city departments and local agencies to establish practices and policies to

address and mitigate risks of cancer impacting Detroit residents. **NOW
THEREFORE, BE IT**

RESOLVED: That Councilwoman Latisha Johnson and the Detroit City Council recognize April 2024 as Cancer Prevention and Early Detection Month.