

RESOLUTION TO DECLARE NOVEMBER 2022 AS LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN

BY COUNCILMEMBER MARY WATERS, AT-LARGE

WHEREAS, Lung cancer is the most common cancer killer in Michigan. Approximately 5,200 Michiganders die each year from lung cancer, including nearly 1,000 Detroiters.

WHEREAS, There are approximately 8,000 cases of lung cancer diagnosed each year in Michigan, with roughly 20 percent diagnosed in Detroiters. Approximately 80 percent of cases are diagnosed at advanced stages, in which the cure rate is low.

WHEREAS, The primary reason for diagnosis at an advanced stage is lack of lung cancer screening. Less than 5 percent of people who are eligible for screening ever receive a screening CT scan.

WHEREAS, African Americans in Michigan have a much higher chance of dying from lung cancer. African Americans in Michigan also have a much lower chance of being screened for lung cancer when eligible.

WHEREAS, Detroit and Wayne County has one of the highest rate of advanced lung cancer at diagnosis in the state of Michigan.

WHEREAS, Lung cancer is the highest cost for cancer care in Michigan annually. Treatment for an advanced case of lung cancer costs approximately 15 times more to treat than an early stage case.

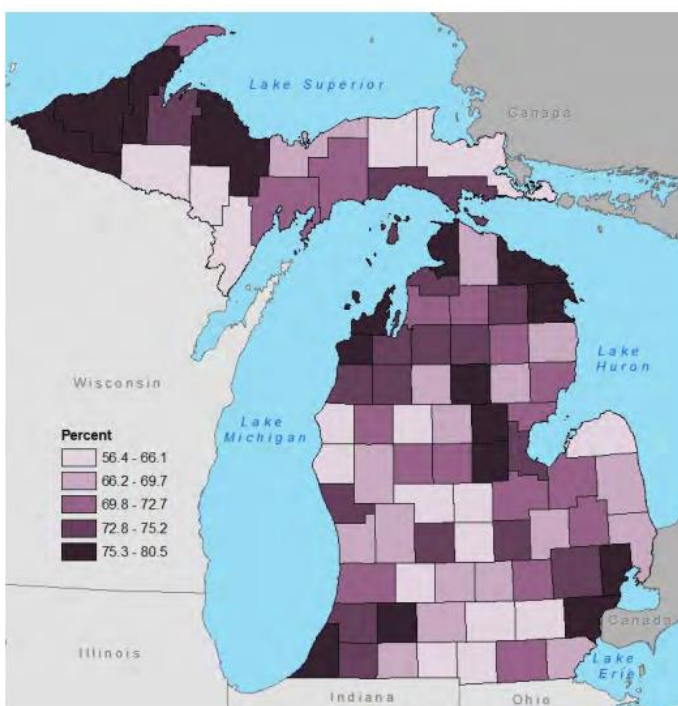
WHEREAS, The state of Michigan has attained national recognition as a leading treatment center for lung cancer. The multidisciplinary teams in the state have conducted several multi-institutional trials that have led to the standard of care for treatment nationally.

WHEREAS, Detroit is proud to be home to multiple nationally recognized Cancer Centers within the city. We encourage residents to be vigilant and proactive about care. We also encourage institutions and City Council to collaborate on awareness campaigns to alert Detroiters about the life-saving benefits of lung cancer screening.

RESOLVED, That the Detroit City Council designates November 2022 as Lung Cancer Awareness Month in the city of Detroit and promotes lung cancer screening for eligible Michiganders.

Figure 1—Rates of advanced cancer in each county in Michigan. Wayne County has one of the highest rate of advanced cancer in the state.

Late Stage Lung Cancer



Percent of Lung Cancer Diagnosed at Late (Regional or Distant) Stage ^{a,b}			
County	Percent	County	Percent
Alcona	66.7	Lake	70.0
Alger	68.9	Lapeer	70.1
Allegan	69.9	Leelanau	77.2
Alpena	76.3	Lenawee	70.2
Antrim	70.1	Livingston	70.5
Arenac	71.1	Luce	63.2
Baraga	73.5	Mackinac	73.8
Barry	65.3	Macomb	77.7
Bay	73.8	Manistee	73.1
Benzie	80.5	Marquette	77.0
Berrien	76.3	Mason	63.8
Branch	62.8	Mecosta	71.6
Calhoun	66.4	Menominee	58.7
Cass	72.9	Midland	76.1
Charlevoix	74.4	Missaukee	67.5
Cheboygan	69.5	Monroe	66.6
Chippewa	64.0	Montcalm	65.5
Clare	69.4	Montmorency	74.0
Clinton	66.1	Muskegon	75.2
Crawford	72.9	Newaygo	68.3
Delta	71.3	Oakland	73.6
Dickinson	56.4	Oceana	64.2
Eaton	66.7	Ogemaw	68.7
Emmet	79.3	Ontonagon	75.9
Genesee	67.0	Osceola	64.7
Gladwin	76.3	Oscoda	72.1
Gogebic	76.7	Osego	71.3
Grand Traverse	73.7	Ottawa	66.3
Gratiot	64.6	Presque Isle	78.5
Hillsdale	61.9	Roscommon	79.1
Houghton	75.4	Saginaw	71.1
Huron	65.7	St Clair	69.7
Ingham	68.1	St Joseph	68.4
Ionia	74.1	Sanilac	69.1
Iosco	69.9	Schoolcraft	72.7
Iron	60.3	Shiawassee	72.7
Isabella	70.7	Tuscola	71.0
Jackson	66.0	Van Buren	74.7
Kalamazoo	79.1	Washtenaw	65.9
Kalkaska	75.0	Wayne	76.8
Kent	68.6	Wexford	74.5
Keweenaw	70.0	State of Michigan	72.4

Data Notes:

^a Staging data taken from the 2012-2016 Michigan Cancer Surveillance Program (MCSP) ^b Proportion includes cases diagnosed at regional or distant stage.