

PROCLAMATION

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

WHEREAS, in the United States, lung cancer is the second most common cancer in both men and women, is the leading cause of death from cancer, claimed the lives of 311 Marion County residents in 2022 and the county's lung cancer incidence and death rates are consistently higher than the state rate; and

WHEREAS, the only recommended screening test for lung cancer is low-dose computed tomography (LDCT), and it has been proven to significantly reduce lung cancer mortality in those at risk by up to 20%. This screening is recommended by the U.S. Preventative Services Task Force, and it is covered by Medicare; and

WHEREAS, Marion County residents can access high quality LDCT screenings for early detection of lung cancer at multiple locations throughout the county which include HCA Florida Ocala Imaging Center and Radiology Associates of Ocala. These centers provide Marion County residents with access to responsible screening care; and

WHEREAS, Florida screening utilization rates remain below the national average at 2.4%, but increased awareness of access to prevention and early detection can save lives; and

WHEREAS, national, state, and local organizations and coalitions, including the Cancer Alliance of Marion County, American Cancer Society, Marion County Medical Society, Robert Boissoneault Oncology Institute, HUG's, HCA Florida Ocala, AdventHealth Ocala, Radiology Associates of Ocala, Florida Department of Health Marion County, Tobacco Free Partnership of Marion County, Empath Hospice of Marion County, Heart of Florida Health Centers and Langley Health Services are collectively expanding awareness of this life saving screening test;

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Marion County, Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in us do hereby proclaim that **November, 2025** be known as

“LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH”

DULY PROCLAIMED this 4th day of **November, 2025**.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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