

WOMEN'S LUNG HEALTH WEEK

WHEREAS, every five minutes, a woman in the U.S. is told she has lung cancer; and

WHEREAS, lung cancer is the number one cancer killer of women in the United States, surpassing breast cancer in 1987; and

WHEREAS, the lung cancer death rate in women has more than doubled during the past 35 years; and

WHEREAS, women are disproportionately burdened with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease compared to men in terms of illness and death; and

WHEREAS, asthma and lung cancer is more common in women than men; and

WHEREAS, advocacy and increased awareness will result in more and better treatment for women with lung cancer, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, asthma and other lung diseases and will ultimately save lives; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, over 6,000 California women died from lung cancer, making it the deadliest of all cancers for women; and

WHEREAS, In 2013, 240 women in Alameda County died from lung cancer, over 100 more than from breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, LUNG FORCE is the new national movement led by the American Lung Association, with the mission of eliminating lung cancer and lung disease by uniting women to stand together with a collective strength and determination to lead the fight against lung cancer and for long health.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that this Board of Supervisors, County of Alameda, does hereby proclaim the second full week in May as Women's Lung Health Week throughout Alameda County and encourages all residents to learn more about the detection and treatment of lung cancer and all disease.