

Dear Mayor Crompton,

My name is Maya Sharma, and I am a member of the Canadian Lung Cancer Screening Initiative (CLCSI), the sister organization of the American Lung Cancer Screening Initiative (ALCSI; www.alcsi.org). Together, we are a team of over 200 doctors and students working to raise awareness for lung cancer and lung cancer screening with the hopes of helping high-risk individuals get screened for lung cancer.

We would like to request a **proclamation to declare November 2022 as Lung Cancer Awareness Month** to raise awareness for lung cancer and lung cancer screening. Lung cancer is the deadliest cancer in Canada and the world, but it has been shown that lung cancer screening significantly reduces mortality as it can help to diagnose lung cancer earlier. However, only 5.7% of high-risk individuals are currently getting screened in the US, and Canadian statistics are even further behind. This means thousands of lives are lost every year simply due to a lack of awareness. Importantly, **BC Cancer's Lung Screening program has a participating hospital in Whistler.**

I have attached a sample proclamation that may help your office compose the appropriate proclamation.

Thank you so much for your valuable time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Maya Sharma
Canadian Lung Cancer Screening Initiative