

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 300935

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WHEREAS, lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer deaths in both men and women in California, the United States, and the World, this year taking the lives of approximately 163,510 Americans, including 14,350 Californians; and

WHEREAS, approximately 172,570 Americans will be diagnosed with lung cancer in 2005, most at an advanced stage due to the lack of standardized screening for early detection and a failure to recognize possible early symptoms; and

WHEREAS, although there is a strong link between tobacco and lung cancer, the majority of new cases each year are in former smokers or persons who have never smoked, indicating the need for further research of lung cancer in order to more fully understand the entire disease process; and

WHEREAS, lung cancer research has been chronically underfunded in proportion to its public health impact, resulting in a five-year survival rate which has remained relatively unchanged over the last 30 years, while the survival rate for most other cancers has improved significantly; and

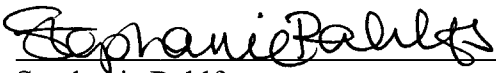
WHEREAS, a large portion of tobacco-related funding is used for purposes other than that of lung cancer research, yet lung cancer funding from both public and private sources is negatively impacted by its association with smoking; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the importance of increasing awareness and understanding of lung cancer in order to lessen the associated stigma and promote the appropriate use of resources to help fight this deadly disease; and

WHEREAS, the Lung Cancer Alliance is dedicated to informing and advocating for people living with lung cancer or at risk for the disease; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the City of San Diego, does hereby proclaim the month of November 2005 as “LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH” and challenges every citizen of this community to actively participate in efforts to raise awareness of lung cancer in the hope of saving lives.

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