

PROCLAMATION

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

WHEREAS, lung cancer is the #1 cancer killer of women in the U.S., surpassing breast cancer in 1987; and

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

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

WHEREAS, asthma 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, COPD, asthma and other lung diseases and will ultimately save lives; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pima County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims the second full week in May to be:

“WOMEN’S LUNG HEALTH WEEK”

and encourages all residents of Pima County to learn more about the detection and treatment of lung cancer and all lung diseases.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of May 2014.

Chair, Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board