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A resolution by Supervisors Taylor and Martin, recognizing November as Lung Cancer and Stomach Cancer Awareness Month and increase community awareness through lung and stomach cancer education, and promoting healthy living by not smoking, avoiding secondhand smoke and other carcinogens such as radon and asbestos, treating the Helicobacter pylori bacterium, and eating healthy, by recommending adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, according to the United States (U.S.) National Institutes of Health (NIH), "Lung cancer is a disease in which certain cells in the lungs become abnormal and multiply uncontrollably to form a tumor," which malignantly damage surrounding tissues and ultimately the organ itself;" and

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 80 to 90 percent of lung cancer deaths are due to smoking, while inhaling smoke secondhand, and inhalation of radon, asbestos, arsenic, diesel exhaust, silica, and chromium; and

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, radon is the penultimate cause of lung cancer each year, killing approximately 21,000 people per annum, 2,900 of whom were nonsmokers; and

WHEREAS, according to the CDC, the leading cause of cancer deaths in Wisconsin in 2016 was due to cancers of the lung and bronchus, with a reported 4,276 new cases at a rate of 38.1 cases per 100,000 people, killing a reported 2,788 Wisconsinites in that year; and

WHEREAS, according to the CDC, from 2012 to 2016, there were 3,359 reported new cases of lung and bronchus cancer in Milwaukee County (the County), reportedly killing 2,283 people over that period; and

WHEREAS, according to the CDC, symptoms of lung cancer include:

- Wheezing
- Feeling tired nonstop
- Coughing which never goes away or worsens over time
- Chest pain
- Coughing up blood
- Weight loss for no apparent reason
- Relatively frequent cases of pneumonia and swollen or enlarged lymph nodes

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WHEREAS, according to the CDC, lung cancer is largely preventable by not smoking, avoiding secondhand smoke, testing homes for radon, and avoiding carcinogens like asbestos; and

WHEREAS, according to the NIH, stomach or gastric cancer develops when certain cells in the stomach become abnormal and multiply uncontrollably, forming a tumor which malignantly damages the surrounding tissue and ultimately the stomach itself; and

WHEREAS, according to the NIH, early symptoms of stomach cancer include indigestion and stomach discomfort, feeling bloated after eating, nausea, appetite loss, and heartburn, and advanced stages of stomach cancer include:

- Bloody feces
- Vomiting
- Weight loss for no apparent reason
- Stomach pain
- Jaundice (yellowing eyes and skin)
- Ascites (concentration of fluid in the abdomen)
- Difficulty swallowing

; and

WHEREAS, according to the NIH, smoking, infection from the *Helicobacter pylori* (H. pylori) bacterium, a diet lacking sufficient fruits and vegetables, a diet high in salted or smoked foods, and eating foods not properly prepared *may* contribute to the likelihood of developing stomach cancer; and

WHEREAS, according to the CDC, in 2016 there were 24,146 reported new cases of stomach cancer in the U.S. and 11,433 in Wisconsin, that year there were 405 reported new cases at a rate of 6 per 100,000 people, and 173 reported stomach cancer deaths; and

WHEREAS, according to the CDC, from 2012 to 2016, there were 336 new reported cases of stomach cancer in the County, killing a reported 184 people; and

WHEREAS, the Lung Cancer Foundation of America marks November as Lung Cancer Awareness Month and the No Stomach for Cancer organization marks November as Stomach Cancer Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Health and Human Needs, at its meeting of January 29, 2020, recommended adoption of File No. 19-967 (vote 4-0); now, therefore,

90 BE IT RESOLVED, Milwaukee County (the County) hereby recognizes and
91 declares November as Lung Cancer Awareness Month and Stomach Cancer
92 Awareness Month; and

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94 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County urges all County residents to:

- 95 • Never begin or stop smoking
- 96 • Avoid secondhand smoke
- 97 • Avoid exposure to carcinogens such as radon and asbestos
- 98 • Test homes for radon
- 99 • Treat *Helicobacter pylori* infections with antibiotics
- 100 • Eat healthy, well-prepared meals.

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