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2023 SESSION

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HOUSE RESOLUTION ***12***

A RESOLUTION designating November 2023 as "National Lung Cancer Awareness Month" and expressing support for the early detection and treatment of lung cancer.

SPONSORS: Rep. Hakken-Phillips, Graf. 12; Rep. N. Murphy, Hills. 12

COMMITTEE: Executive Departments and Administration

ANALYSIS

This resolution designates November 2023 as "National Lung Cancer Awareness Month" and expresses support for the early detection and treatment of lung cancer.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Three

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Whereas, lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer-related death among men and women in the United States, accounting for more deaths than pancreatic cancer, breast cancer, and prostate cancer combined; and

Whereas, this year, 236,740 individuals in the U.S. will be diagnosed with lung cancer, and 130,180 individuals—or about 350 people per day—will die from the disease; and

Whereas, 1 in 15 men and 1 in 17 women in the U.S. will develop lung cancer during their lifetimes; and

Whereas, lung cancer diagnoses have increased by 84 percent in women over the past 42 years, each year more women die from lung cancer than breast cancer, and by 2035, it is estimated that more women will die from lung cancer than men; and

Whereas, this year, 20,700 people will die from lung cancer unrelated to smoking, which would be the eighth leading cause of cancer death if classified as its own disease, approximately 17 percent of women are diagnosed with lung cancer unrelated to smoking, and the proportion of lung cancers diagnosed in people who have never smoked is increasing in the United States; and

Whereas, radon is the leading cause of lung cancer among people who have never smoked and the second leading cause of lung cancer overall, and miners, construction workers, and firefighters have an increased risk of dying from lung cancer due to occupational exposure; and

Whereas, racial, socioeconomic, and regional disparities in lung cancer screening, treatment, and mortality are well documented, black men have the highest lung cancer incidence and mortality in the United States and non-white patients and patients living in regions of greater deprivation are less likely to receive curative lung cancer treatment than white patients and patients living in more affluent regions; and

Whereas, the 5-year survival rate for localized lung cancer is 61 percent, yet a majority of lung cancers are diagnosed at a distant stage when the 5-year survival rate is 7 percent; and

Whereas, screening with low-dose computed tomography can detect lung cancer in its earliest stages and ultimately save lives, yet only 2.8 to 7.2 percent of individuals in the United States at high risk undergo lung cancer screening with low-dose computed tomography; and

Whereas, veterans are 25 percent more likely to develop lung cancer compared to the general public, and, while 900,000 veterans are eligible for screening, less than 3 percent get screened for lung cancer; and

Whereas, although the changes made in the 2021 United States Preventive Services Taskforce lung cancer screening guidelines increased the number of Americans eligible for lung cancer screening from 8 million to 14.5 million, racial and gender disparities in screening eligibility persist, and many high-risk individuals, including those who have never smoked but have other risk factors such as family history or exposure to radon, asbestos, air pollution, burn pits, and secondhand smoke, continue to be ineligible for lung cancer screening; and

Whereas, the stigma surrounding lung cancer creates barriers to early diagnosis, treatment, and funding for research, has a detrimental impact on the quality of life of people diagnosed with lung cancer, and hinders awareness of and studies into lung cancer risk factors other than smoking; and

Whereas, lung cancer research is leading to breakthroughs in the identification of genetic and alterations associated with lung cancer and in the development of lung cancer treatments, including immunotherapies and targeted therapies; and

Whereas, educational efforts can increase awareness of lung cancer and lung cancer screening among the general public, patients and their families, and health care workers, thereby increasing the early detection of lung cancer; now, therefore, be it

Resolved That the House of Representatives:

Designates November 2023 as “National Lung Cancer Awareness Month” and further designates the first week of November 2023 as “National Women’s Lung Cancer Awareness Week” supporting the purposes and ideals of National Lung Cancer Awareness Month which promote efforts to increase awareness of, education about, and research for smoking cessation, lung cancer screening, and treatment of lung cancer, as well as lung cancer affecting women, people who have never smoked, and racial/ethnic minorities and encourages the people of New Hampshire to observe National Lung Cancer Awareness Month with appropriate awareness and educational activities.

CONSENT CALENDAR

January 11, 2023

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Committee on Executive Departments and Administration to which was referred HR 12,

AN ACT designating November 2023 as "National Lung Cancer Awareness Month" and expressing support for the early detection and treatment of lung cancer.

Having considered the same, report the same with the following resolution: RESOLVED, that it is

INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.

Rep. Matthew Santonastaso

FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	**Executive Departments and Administration**
Bill Number:	**HR 12**
Title:	**designating November 2023 as "National Lung Cancer Awareness Month" and expressing support for the early detection and treatment of lung cancer.**
Date:	**January 11, 2023**
Consent Calendar:	**CONSENT**
Recommendation:	**INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

STATEMENT OF INTENT

The committee is recommending an Inexpedient to Legislate motion to the House in keeping with its tradition of not adding more special days/months to the great amount of already existing days. Even though this resolution is only a one time declaration, we still feel that it is unnecessary for several reasons including that National Lung Cancer Awareness Month is already recognized by the federal government and that an additional resolution of the House will do little to raise additional awareness. The committee continues to urge that issues such as these are better served at a grassroots level and by adding them to statute, or making resolutions such as this, actually diminishes the energy of the underlying movement. In not supporting this measure, it should not be inferred that any member of the committee believes Lung Cancer Awareness isn't an important issue.

Vote 18-1.

Rep. Matthew Santonastaso
FOR THE COMMITTEE

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CONSENT CALENDAR

Executive Departments and Administration

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SIGN UP SHEET

To Register Opinion If Not Speaking

Bill #: HR 12 Date: 1/11/23

Committee: ED+A

**** Please Print All Information ****

Name	Address	Phone	Representing	Pro	Con
Rep Nancy Murphy	Hills #12, Merrimack	424-0254		✓	
St. Rep.	Kris Schultz		Concord	X	

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

PUBLIC HEARING ON HR 12

BILL TITLE: **designating November 2023 as "National Lung Cancer Awareness Month" and expressing support for the early detection and treatment of lung cancer.**

DATE: **January 11, 2023**

LOB ROOM: **306-308** **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** **1:03 p.m.**

Time Adjourned:

Committee Members: Reps. C. McGuire, Simon, Sirois, T. Lekas, Bailey, Santonastaso, True, Abare, Gerhard, Grote, P. Schmidt, Goley, Schuett, O'Brien, F. Davis, Fitzpatrick and S. Gould, Rung, and Shurtuff

Bill Sponsors:
Rep. Hakken-Phillips **Rep. N. Murphy**

TESTIMONY

* Use asterisk if written testimony and/or amendments are submitted.

Mary Hakken-Phillips (Grafton 12) - Discussed screening

- Rates to other cancers - Stated to be lower
- Reports Submitted online
- Spoke on eligibility of screening
- Legislation was submitted in form of resolution.
- Sponsor is open to amendments

House Remote Testify

Executive Departments and Administration Committee Testify List for Bill HR12 on 2(

Support: 4 Oppose: 1 Neutral: 0 Total to Testify: 0

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Name	City, State Email Address	Title	Representing	Position	Testifying	Non-Germane
Smith, Julie	Nashua, NH cantdog@comcast.net	A Member of the Public	Myself	Oppose	No	No
Phillips, Joseph	Hanover, NH Joseph.D.Phillips@hitchcock.org	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	No
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January 9, 2023

Dear Executive Departments and Administration Committee,

We would like to express the strongest possible support for HR12, titled "Designating November 2023 as 'National Lung Cancer Awareness Month' and expressing support for the early detection and treatment of lung cancer."

As thoracic surgeons treating lung cancer in New Hampshire we are very familiar with the impact that lung cancer has on hundreds of thousands of American lives every year. Lung cancer is the deadliest cancer in the U.S., causing over 130,000 deaths in in 2022 alone. While screening with low-dose computed tomography has been shown in two large-scale randomized trials to save lives, the percentage of high-risk Americans receiving this life-saving screening is incredibly low, with less than 6% of high-risk Americans currently undergoing lung cancer screening. This is in comparison to the 60-80% of eligible Americans undergoing screening for breast, cervical, and colon cancer.

As a surgeons caring for lung cancer patients in our state who avidly work to increase awareness of and access to lung cancer screening, we are proud to support HR12 illustrating the importance of lung cancer screening.

We feel that HR12 is incredibly important and timely. In 2021, the United States Preventive Services Task Force took steps to reduce lung cancer mortality by expanding the lung cancer screening eligibility criteria and increasing the number of Americans eligible for lung cancer screening by over 80%, from 8 million to 14.5 million. Currently more high-risk Americans than ever before have access to the possibility of early detection of lung cancer through screening. Consequently, there is a critical need for our local, state, and national leaders to generate support and awareness for lung cancer screening and help those at high-risk of lung cancer get screened.

The passage of HR12 would build upon the growing movement of local, state, and national leaders expressing support for lung cancer screening.

In summary, we offer our strongest support for HR12 and believe that the passage of HR12 is a key step forward to increasing lung cancer screening rates in New Hampshire and saving the lives of high-risk citizens of our state.

Sincerely,

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Dear Executive Departments and Administration Committee, January 8th, 2022

It is with the utmost excitement that we express our strong support for HR12, titled "Designating November 2023 as 'National Lung Cancer Awareness Month' and expressing support for the early detection and treatment of lung cancer."

As a thoracic surgeon and the Founder and Senior Advisor of the American Lung Cancer Screening Initiative (ALCSI; www.alcsi.org), I am deeply familiar with the impact that lung cancer has on hundreds of thousands of American lives every year. Lung cancer is the deadliest cancer in the U.S., causing over 130,000 deaths in the U.S. in 2022 alone. While screening with low-dose computed tomography has been shown in two large-scale randomized trials to save lives, the percentage of high-risk Americans receiving this life-saving screening is egregiously low—fewer than 6% of high-risk Americans are currently undergoing lung cancer screening in the United States. Of note, this number pales in comparison to the 60-80% of eligible Americans undergoing breast, cervical, and colon cancer screening.

To address the low lung cancer screening rate, I work closely with ALCSI, a 501(c)3 non-profit, to increase awareness of lung cancer and lung cancer screening in communities across the United States through community engagement and advocacy. ALCSI has hosted over 200 community presentations to teach high-risk community members about the importance of lung cancer screening. Through these events, we have directly taught over 10,000 community members about lung cancer screening.

ALCSI also works with local, state, and national leaders to build momentum and support for lung cancer screening. To date, ALCSI has worked with 334 mayors and governors from all 50 U.S. States to recognize the importance of lung cancer screening. In addition, ALCSI has worked with the U.S. Senate to draft and advocate for resolutions recognizing the importance of lung cancer screening in 2020, 2021, and 2022; notably, these resolutions were passed by unanimous consent in the U.S. Senate. **As a leading organization working to increase awareness of and access to lung cancer screening, we are proud to support HR12 illustrating the importance of lung cancer screening.**

We would like to highlight that HR12 is both incredibly important and timely. In 2021, the United States Preventive Services Task Force took a pivotal step forward to reduce lung cancer mortality, expanding the lung cancer screening eligibility criteria and increasing the number of Americans eligible for lung cancer screening by over 80%, from 8 million to 14.5 million. Thus, in 2023, more high-risk Americans *than ever* have access to the possibility of early detection of lung cancer through screening. As such, there is a critical need for our local, state, and national leaders to generate support and awareness for lung cancer screening and to help those at high-risk of lung cancer get screened.

In addition, there has been a recent swell of support for lung cancer screening from national, state, and local leaders. In 2022, ALCSI worked with the U.S. Senate to draft and advocate for S.Res.863., a resolution recognizing the importance of lung cancer screening, which was passed by unanimous consent on December 7th, 2022. Additionally, in the last three months, ALCSI has worked with Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf and Mayors Jane Castor of Tampa, Florida, Gina Louise-Sciarra of Northampton,

Massachusetts, and Robert Sullivan of Brockton, Massachusetts to issue public service announcements about the importance of lung cancer screening. **The passage of HR12 would build upon the growing movement of local, state, and national leaders expressing support for lung cancer screening.**

In summary, we offer our strongest support for HR12 and believe that the passage of HR12 is a key step forward to increasing lung cancer screening rates in New Hampshire and saving American lives.

Sincerely,



Chi-Fu Jeffrey Yang

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HR 12

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LOB ROOM: 306-308

MOTIONS: **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

Moved by Rep. Santonastaso Seconded by Rep. True Vote: 18-1

CONSENT CALENDAR: YES

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep Shane Sirois, Clerk

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
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2023 SESSION

Executive Departments and Administration

RESOLUTIONS

Bill #: 12 Motion: _____ AM #: _____ Exec Session Date: 1-11-23

Members	YEAS	Nays	NV
McGuire, Carol M. Chairman LAST	✓		
Simon, Matthew J. Vice Chairman 1ST	✓		
Lekas, Tony	✓		
Bailey, Glenn	✓		
Santonastaso, Matthew SANTO-NA-STASO	✓		
True, Chris	✓		
~~Dolan, Tom~~ ABSENT			
Abare, Kimberly L	✓		
Gerhard, Jason	✓		
Sirois, Shane A	✓		
Grote, Jaci L. GROTA	✓		
Schmidt, Peter B.		✓	
Goley, Jeffrey P.	✓		
Schuett, Dianne E.	✓		
O'Brien, Michael B.	✓		
~~Wilhelm, Matthew~~ B. SHURTLIFF	✓		
Davis, Fred E.	✓		
Fitzpatrick, Daniel W	✓		
Gould, Sherry L	✓		
~~Smith, Juliet~~ L RUNG	✓		
TOTAL VOTE:	18	1	

MADAM CHAIR MCGUIRE