

PROCLAMATION

City of Monrovia

WHEREAS, the health of our community's people is the foundation for a caring and productive society, and our future rests with our ability to adequately treat, and ultimately find cures for, individuals who are afflicted with a variety of illnesses including pulmonary hypertension; and

WHEREAS, pulmonary hypertension (PH) is a rare disorder causing high pressure in blood vessels leading from the heart to the lungs, and is a contributing factor to more than 18,000 adult deaths each year in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, there are at least as many undiagnosed as diagnosed patients, and

WHEREAS, pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH) is one type of PH, and without treatment, PAH patients live 2.8 years past diagnosis on average; with early diagnosis and effective treatment, the disorder can be managed for twenty years or more; and

WHEREAS, Adults and children of all ages can develop PH; women develop PAH more than three times as often as men, and women of color have disproportionately poorer health outcomes; and

WHEREAS, education can help with early diagnosis and funding for research can help find a cure;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Becky Sheolin, Mayor of the City of Monrovia, California, along with the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim the Month of November 2023 as

"Pulmonary Hypertension Awareness Month"

and encourage people to Spark Awareness and learn about the challenges those with PH and their families face.

~ Dated this 7th Day of November, 2023 ~



Becky A. Sheolin
MAYOR

