

CITY OF PHOENIX



PROCLAMATION

Healthy lungs are essential to the well-being and quality of life of every Phoenix resident. Having experienced childhood asthma, I recognize the importance of raising awareness, supporting research, and expanding access to quality respiratory care so every resident can live a healthier life.

Across Maricopa County, there are over 81,000 cases of pediatric asthma, approximately 410,000 cases of adult asthma, more than 187,000 cases of COPD, and over 1,700 cases of lung cancer. These numbers highlight the urgent need for continued research, education, and advocacy.

As thousands of pulmonary, critical care, and sleep medicine professionals gather to share the latest medical advances, Phoenix proudly recognizes their commitment to improving respiratory health and transforming the lives of patients around the world.

The American College of Chest Physicians (CHEST) will hold their annual meeting in Phoenix from October 18-21, 2026. Phoenix is proud to welcome thousands of pulmonary, critical care, and sleep medicine clinicians eager to explore the latest advances in respiratory health, underscoring the city's commitment to health and wellness.

By highlighting the importance of lung health, the City of Phoenix stands alongside CHEST and all who serve on the front lines of respiratory care, united in one clear message: when we love our lungs, we strengthen our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KATE GALLEGGO, Mayor of the City of Phoenix, Arizona, in accordance with the law, do hereby proclaim October 18, 2026, as

LOVE YOUR LUNGS DAY

in the City of Phoenix and encourage all residents to recognize and celebrate the frontline respiratory care professionals whose dedication and expertise strengthen our community's health and resilience.



Mayor Kate Gallego
City of Phoenix