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I am thrilled to present the results of a collaborative effort that embodies a spirit of health and wellness for all Arizonans: the new five-year Arizona Cancer Control Plan.

This year, more than 42,000 Arizonans will hear the words "You have cancer." That equates to over 100 new cancer diagnoses in our state every day. As the second leading cause of death in Arizona, cancer impacts our families, friends, and our communities.

The Arizona Cancer Control Plan provides a roadmap to diminish the harsh reality of these statistics. It outlines strategies to detect, prevent, treat, and enhance the quality of life for those grappling with a cancer diagnosis. Crafted by a dedicated and dynamic group of community members, organizations and other esteemed partners, this document highlights the tireless efforts of the Arizona Cancer Coalition to promote prevention, early detection, treatment, survivorship, and enhanced quality of life for those at living with or at risk of cancer. The Plan is a testament to our state's commitment to working together to combat cancer.

Every Arizonan, regardless of where they live, their skin color, what language they speak, their income, or their gender, should have access to the resources they need to maintain good health and the care they need when they are sick. The Arizona Cancer Control Plan is driven by a vision of hope for a healthy future, but to achieve this vision we have to first acknowledge that a person's genes, race, ethnicity, where they live, how much money they make, and many other factors can contribute to their overall risk of getting cancer and their chances of surviving.

The Plan paints a clear picture of what contributes to a disproportionate risk of cancer and cancer-related death, and what can be done to promote more equitable access to preventive screenings, diagnosis, and treatment. Acknowledging *why*

disproportionate rates of disease and death persist among certain groups of individuals is the first step toward addressing these disparities.

Looking ahead, we anticipate deepening our reach into communities to ensure our strategies leave no one behind. Through this plan, we hope to empower residents to take charge of their health and their futures, and support them by implementing policy, systems, and environmental changes that we know will encourage long term success. Those key policy changes and strategic initiatives that will help alleviate the burden of cancer in our state and solidify cancer detection, prevention, and treatment as public health priorities.

This plan isn't just about preparing for the future we want; it's also about acknowledging the past and present realities of the disease. The Arizona Cancer Control Plan features stories from real Arizonans who have been impacted by cancer. I invite you to join me in celebrating their unique journeys, and urge you to join me in honoring their strength and resilience.

Let us stand united in our commitment to combating cancer, addressing disparities in access to care, and fostering a brighter future. With your help, we will continue to show the way to a healthy and resilient Arizona for everyone.

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