

# Office of the Mayor

CITY OF  SIOUX FALLS

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*, in 2022, lung cancer was the leading cause of cancer death among men and women in the United States and in South Dakota, accounting for more deaths than colon cancer, breast cancer, and prostate cancer combined;

*WHEREAS*, according to the Centers for Disease Control, there were 3,060 new lung cancer cases and 2,110 deaths because of lung cancer between 2014 and 2018 in South Dakota;

*WHEREAS*, screening for lung cancer for high-risk individuals using low-dose computed tomography can lead to early detection of lung cancer and save lives. Screening using low-dose computed tomography reduces the mortality by 20 percent when compared to screening by chest X-ray in the National Lung Screening Trial. This reduces the risk of death at ten years by 24 percent in men and 33 percent in women as demonstrated by another large randomized trial;

*WHEREAS*, women diagnosed with lung cancer are more likely to be younger and never smoked. Lung cancer incidence and mortality rates in women are rising relative to men; more women die from lung cancer than breast cancer every year. By 2035, it is expected that more women will die from lung cancer than men;

*WHEREAS*, organizations working in the Sioux Falls community, such as the American Lung Association's cancer screening initiative and Women's Lung Cancer Forum, are committed to educating about lung cancer and lung cancer screening. They are working to increase lung cancer screening rates in Sioux Falls;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Paul TenHaken, Mayor of the City of Sioux Falls, do hereby proclaim the month of November as:

## LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in Sioux Falls, and recognize the need for research in lung cancer affecting men and women and lung cancer health disparities. I encourage all citizens to learn about lung cancer and early detection through lung cancer screening.



*IN WITNESS WHEREOF*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Sioux Falls to be affixed this 1st day of November, 2022.

  
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Paul TenHaken, Mayor