Office of the Mayor PROCLAMATION

~IN RECOGNITION~

LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

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WHEREAS, lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death among men and women in the US; and

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control, there were 9,583 new lung cancer cases and 7,228 deaths because of lung cancer between 2014 and 2018 in the State of Kansas the 5-year survival rate for localized lung cancer is 60%, yet only 24% of lung cancers are diagnosed at this stage; and

WHEREAS, screening for lung cancer for high-risk individuals using low-dose computed tomography can lead to the earlier detection of lung cancer and save lives, reducing the mortality by 20% when compared to screening by chest x-ray in the National Lung Screening Trial; and

WHEREAS, lung cancer in never smokers is the 7th leading cause of cancer-related death and accounts for 17,000-26,000 deaths in the US every year, 60-70% of never smokers diagnosed with lung cancer are women, and the proportion of lung cancers diagnosed in never smokers is increasing in the US; and

WHEREAS, organizations working in Shawnee such as the American Lung Cancer Screening Initiative and Women's Lung Cancer Forum, are committed to educating about lung cancer and lung cancer screening and working to increase lung cancer screening rates in Shawnee

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michelle Distler, Mayor of the City of Shawnee, Kansas do hereby proclaim November 2022 as "Lung Cancer Awareness Month" in the City of Shawnee and encourage all citizens to learn about lung cancer and early detection.

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR CITY OF SHAWNEE, KANSAS

MICHELLE DISTLER, MAYOR