

# Proclamation

Office of THE MAYOR  
CITY OF PEARLAND

*Whereas, lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death among men and women in the United States and Texas, accounting for more deaths than colon cancer, breast cancer, and prostate cancers combined; and*

*Whereas, according to the Centers for Disease Control, there were 911 new lung cancer cases and 647 deaths because of lung cancer between 2015 and 2019 in Brazoria County, Texas. The 5-year survival rate for localized lung cancer is ~60%, yet only ~24% of lung cancers are diagnosed at this stage; and*

*Whereas, funding for lung cancer research trails far behind funding for research of many other cancers, and additional research is needed in early diagnosis, screening, and treatment for lung cancer as well as in lung cancer affecting women and lung cancer health disparities; and*

*Whereas, lung cancer incidence is decreasing twice as fast in men as it is in women, each year more women die from lung cancer than breast cancer and by 2035, more women will die from lung cancer than men; and*

*Whereas, lung cancer in individuals who never smoked is the 7<sup>th</sup> leading cause of cancer-related death. 60-70% of individuals diagnosed with lung cancer who never smoked are women and the proportion of lung cancers diagnosed in people who never smoked is increasing in the USA; and*

*Whereas, organizations working in Texas 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, in addition to working to increase lung cancer screening rates in Texas.*

*Now, Therefore, I, Kevin Cole, By the Power Vested in Me as the Mayor of the City of Pearland, Texas, Do Hereby Proclaim the month of November 2022 as*

## **LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

In Pearland and I ask all citizens both near and far to join with me as we recognize the need for research in lung cancer affecting women and lung cancer health disparities, and encourage all citizens to learn about lung cancer and early detection through lung cancer screening.



Given Under My Hand and Seal of Office This 28<sup>th</sup>  
Day of September 2022.

  
Mayor, The City of Pearland