



## PROCLAMATION

### Recognizing November 2022, as Lung Cancer Awareness Month in Kansas City

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

**WHEREAS**, funding for lung cancer research trails far behind funding for research of many other cancers. 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

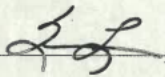
**WHEREAS**, lung cancer in individuals who never smoked is the 7<sup>th</sup> leading cause of cancer-related death and accounts for 17,000 - 26,000 deaths in the U.S. every year. 60 - 70 percent of individuals diagnosed with lung cancer who have never smoked are women; and

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

**WHEREAS**, African Americans have the highest lung cancer incidence and mortality of all races. Disparities in lung cancer screening, diagnosis, treatment, and mortality are well characterized among African Americans and other racial minorities.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Mayor of the City of Kansas City, I, Quinton D. Lucas, on behalf of the residents of this great city, do hereby proclaim November 2022, as Lung Cancer Awareness Month in Kansas City, Missouri.



  
Quinton D. Lucas  
Mayor of Kansas City, Missouri