



**City of Flint
Office of the Mayor
Proclamation**

WHEREAS: It is an honor and with great pleasure that I join with the City of Flint in recognizing the month of November 2022, as **Lung Cancer Awareness** month; and

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

WHEREAS: The five-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 reducing the risk of death at 10 years by 24% in men and 33% in women as demonstrated by another large, randomized trial; and

WHEREAS: Funding for lung cancer research trails far behind 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

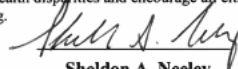
WHEREAS: African Americans have the highest lung cancer incidence and mortality of all races, and disparities in lung cancer screening, diagnosis, treatment, and mortality are well characterized among African Americans and other racial minorities; and

WHEREAS: Lung cancer in individuals who never smoked 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 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 US; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sheldon A. Neeley, Mayor of the City of Flint, do hereby proclaim, November 2022

Lung Cancer Awareness Month

And 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.


**Sheldon A. Neeley
Mayor, City of Flint**

