

Office of the Mayor

CITY OF  SIOUX FALLS

Proclamation

WHEREAS, lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death among men and women in the United States and Sioux Falls, SD. Lung cancer accounts for more deaths than colon cancer, breast cancer, and prostate cancer combined;

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control, there were 140 new lung cancer cases and 80 deaths because of lung cancer between 2016 and 2020 in Brown County;

WHEREAS, the five-year survival rate for localized lung cancer is 60 percent, yet only 24 percent of lung cancers are diagnosed at this stage;

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. Lung cancer screening reduces mortality by 20 percent when compared to screening by chest X-ray in the National Lung Screening Trial and 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, funding for lung cancer research trials is 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;

WHEREAS, lung cancer in individuals who never smoked is the seventh leading cause of cancer-related deaths and accounts for 17,000 to 26,000 deaths in the U.S. every year. Women who have never smoked (60 to 70 percent) are diagnosed with lung cancer, and the proportion of lung cancers diagnosed in people who never smoked is increasing in the U.S. Whereas, radon is the leading cause of lung cancer among individuals who never smoked and the second leading cause of lung cancer overall;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Paul TenHaken, Mayor of the City of Sioux Falls, do hereby proclaim November 2023 as:

LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in Sioux Falls.



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, 2023.


Paul TenHaken, Mayor