

Proclamation

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, pancreatic and prostate cancer combined; and

WHEREAS, about every two and a half minutes, someone in the U.S. is diagnosed with lung cancer, and every day, lung cancer takes the lives of more than 382 of our friends, neighbors and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, it's important to remember that anyone can get lung cancer. The best way to reduce your risk for the disease is to take steps to avoid exposure to the dangerous substances most likely to cause it, including smoking, exposure to radon gas, air pollution and secondhand smoke; and

WHEREAS, early lung cancer screening for high-risk individuals can lead to the earlier detection of lung cancer, saving lives and reducing the mortality rate; and

WHEREAS, lung cancer screening with annual low-dose CT scans for those at high risk can reduce the lung cancer death rate by up to 20%; and

WHEREAS, organizations working in the Overland Park community, 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 Overland Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Curt Skoog, Mayor of Overland Park, do hereby proclaim the month of November, as

Lung Cancer Awareness Month

in Overland Park, and encourage all citizens to learn about lung cancer and early detection through lung cancer screening.



Done this 18th day of July, 2022.


Curt Skoog, Mayor