



City of Killeen

- 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** 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 U.S. every year; 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 mortality rates of all races and disparities are well characterized; and the five-year survival rate for localized lung cancer is about 60 percent, yet only 24 percent 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 percent when compared to screening by chest x-ray in the National Lung Screening Trial and reducing the risk of death at ten years by 24 percent in men and 33 percent in women, as demonstrated by another large randomized trial; and
- WHEREAS** Organizations working in Killeen, 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 Killeen; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Debbie Nash-King, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Killeen do hereby proclaim November, 2022 as:

Lung Cancer Awareness Month



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Killeen to be affixed this 25th day of October, 2022.

Debbie Nash-King
Debbie Nash-King, MAYOR