

**CITY OF PORTAGE
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
PORTAGE, INDIANA**

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS,

- WHEREAS:** lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer-related death among men and women in the United States, accounting for more deaths than colon cancer, breast cancer, and prostate cancer combined; and
- WHEREAS:** it is estimated that 1 in 15 men and 1 in 17 women in the United States will develop lung cancer during their lifetime; and
- WHEREAS:** screening for lung cancer for high-risk individuals using low-dose computed tomography can detect lung cancer earlier than other forms of screening and ultimately save lives; and
- WHEREAS:** lung cancer screening can effectively reduce lung cancer mortality, yet only 3.9 to 8.6 percent of individuals in the United States at high risk of lung cancer undergo lung cancer screening with low-dose computed tomography; 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
- WHEREAS:** educational efforts can increase awareness of lung cancer and lung cancer screening among the general public, patients, and their families, and health care workers, thereby increasing the early detection of lung cancer.
- THEREFORE:** I, Sue I. Lynch, Mayor of the City of Portage, do hereby proclaim, the month of November 2022, as

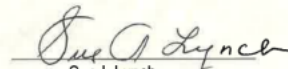
Lung Cancer Awareness Month



In the City of Portage 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.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the great seal of The City of Portage, In the State of Indiana this 1st Day of November 2022.


Nina Rivas
Clerk-Treasurer


Sue I. Lynch
Mayor