

## ***A Texarkana, Arkansas Proclamation***

### ***"Lung Cancer Awareness Month"***

***November 2020***

**WHEREAS**, lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death among men and women in the United States and in Arkansas in 2019, accounting for more deaths than colon cancer, breast cancer, and prostate cancer combined; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, there were 218 new lung cancer cases and 154 deaths because of lung cancer between 2012 and 2017 in Miller County; and

**WHEREAS**, the 5-year survival rate for localized lung cancer is 59%, yet only 17% 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 trials are far behind funding 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**, women diagnosed with lung cancer are more likely to be younger and never-smokers, lung cancer incidence and mortality rates in women are rising relative to men, more women die from lung cancer than breast cancer every year and by 2035, it is expected that more women will die from lung cancer than men; and

**WHEREAS**, organizations working in the Texarkana 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 Texarkana, Arkansas.

**NOW, THEREFORE I ALLEN L. BROWN, MAYOR OF TEXARKANA, ARKANSAS** do hereby proclaim November 2020, as

***"Lung Cancer Awareness Month"***

  
Allen L. Brown, Mayor  
Texarkana, Arkansas

**ATTEST:**  
  
Heather Schmitt, City Clerk  
Texarkana, Arkansas

