

Proclamation

WHEREAS, lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death in the United States, in 2021, lung cancer accounted for more deaths than colon cancer, breast cancer, and prostate cancer combined in Johnson County; and

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control, there were 1,007 deaths because of lung cancer between 2013 and 2017 in Johnson County; 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, funding for lung cancer research trials falls far behind funding for research of many other cancers, additional research is needed in early diagnosis, screening, and treatment for lung cancer; 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, Carl Gerlach, 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 26th day of July, 2021.



Carl Gerlach, Mayor

