PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death among men and women in the United States and in North Dakota in 2020, 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 449 new lung cancer cases and 280 deaths because of lung cancer between 2013 and 2017 in Cass County; and

WHEREAS, Screening for lung cancer for high-risk individuals using low-dose computed tomography can lead to the earlier detection of lung cancer, save lives and reduce the mortality; and

WHEREAS, Funding for lung cancer research trails 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 and by 2035, it is expected that more women will die from lung cancer than men; and

WHEREAS, Organizations such as the American Lung Cancer Screening Initiative and Women's Lung Cancer Forum, are committed to educating the public about lung cancer and working to increase lung cancer screening rates in Fargo.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Dr. Timothy J. Mahoney, Mayor of the City of Fargo, North Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 2020 to be

LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Fargo, North Dakota and urge all citizens to learn about lung cancer and early detection through lung cancer screening.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Fargo, North Dakota to be affixed this 17th day of November, 2020.

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Dr. Timothy J. Mahoney

Mayor