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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death among men and women in the United States and in Missouri in 2020; and

WHEREAS, According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, there were 1,387 new lung cancer cases and 948 deaths because of lung cancer between 2013 and 2017 in the City of St. Louis; 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; and

WHEREAS, Funding for lung cancer research trails 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; and

WHEREAS, Organizations working in the St. Louis 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 St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, The City of St. Louis recognizes the need for research in lung cancer affecting women and lung cancer health disparities, and encourages all residents to learn about early detection through lung cancer screening.

Now, therefore, I, Lyda Krewson, Mayor of the City of St. Louis, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2020 as:

**"LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH"
IN THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS**

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the City of St. Louis, this 1st day of November, A.D. 2020.

