

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER AS LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

- § 1. WHEREAS, lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death among men and women in the United States and in Oklahoma in 2020, accounting for more deaths than colon cancer, breast cancer, and prostate cancer combined; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, according to the American Cancer Society, there were 16,110 new lung cancer cases and 12,260 deaths because of lung cancer between 2013 and 2017 in Oklahoma; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, the 5-year survival rate for localized lung cancer is ~59%, yet only ~17% of lung cancers are diagnosed at this stage; and
- § 4. 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 randomized trail; and
- § 5. 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
- § 6. 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
- § 7. WHEREAS, organizations working in the Norman 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 rates in Norman; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA:

- § 8. Do hereby proclaim the month of November, 2020, as Lung Cancer Awareness Month in the City of Norman, Oklahoma, 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.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 25th day of November 2020.



Mayor

ATTEST:


Deputy City Clerk

