

City of
Sparks
Proclamation

WHEREAS, lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death among men and women in the United States and in Nevada in 2020, accounting for more deaths than colon cancer, breast cancer, and prostate cancer combined; and

WHEREAS, according to the Nevada Central Cancer Registry, there were 8,559 new lung cancer cases and 6,451 deaths because of lung cancer between 2008 and 2012 in Nevada; 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 (3) 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 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, 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 Sparks community, such as the American Lung Cancer Screening Initiative and Women's Lung Cancer Forum, are committed to educating the public about lung cancer and lung cancer screening and working to increase lung cancer screening rates in Sparks.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ED LAWSON, Mayor of the City of Sparks, Nevada, do hereby proclaim November as Lung Cancer Awareness month, and recognize the need for research in lung cancer and encourage all citizens to learn about early detection and screening.

“LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH”

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Sparks, Nevada to be affixed this 23rd day of November, 2020.


ED LAWSON, Mayor

ATTEST:


LISA HUNDERMAN, City Clerk

