



# PROCLAMATION

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

**WHEREAS**, according to the Centers for Disease Control, there were 10,515 new lung cancer cases and 779 deaths per 100,000 people due to lung cancer between 2015 and 2019 in Nebraska; and

**WHEREAS**, screening for lung cancer for high-risk individuals using low-dose computed tomography can lead to the early detection of lung cancer, reducing mortality by 20% when compared to screening by chest X-ray in the National Lung Screening Trial; and

**WHEREAS**, funding for lung cancer research trails far behind funding for research of many other cancers, and additional research is needed in the early diagnosis, screening, and treatment of lung cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, lung cancer rates are decreasing twice as fast in men as it is in women; each year more women die from lung cancer than breast cancer, and by 2035, more women will die from lung cancer than men, and

**WHEREAS**, African Americans have the highest lung cancer rate and mortality of all races, and disparities in lung cancer screening, diagnosis, treatment, and mortality are well characterized among African Americans and other racial minorities, and

**WHEREAS**, lung cancer in individuals who have never smoked is the 7th leading cause of cancer-related deaths and accounts for 17,000 – 26,000 deaths in the US every year, with radon being the leading cause of lung cancer among individuals who have never smoked and the second leading cause of lung cancer overall; and

**WHEREAS**, the stigma surrounding lung cancer creates barriers to early diagnosis and treatment, and hinders research into lung cancer risk factors other than smoking; and

**WHEREAS**, lung cancer research has led to breakthroughs in the identification of genetic alterations associated with lung cancer and in the development of lung cancer treatments, including immunotherapies and targeted therapies; and

**WHEREAS**, organizations 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.

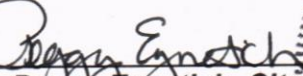
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Stanley A. Clouse, Mayor of the City of Kearney, do hereby proclaim November 2023 as:

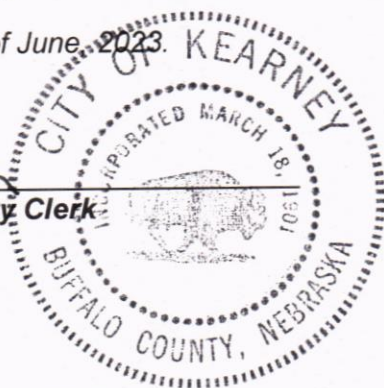
## **"LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH"**

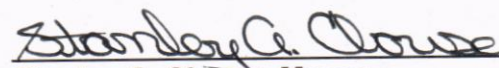
in the City of Kearney and encourage all citizens, to learn about lung cancer and early detection through lung cancer screenings.

Dated this 13th day of June, 2023.

ATTEST:

  
Peggy Eynetich, City Clerk



  
Stanley A. Clouse, Mayor