

Office of the Mayor
Proclamation
Lawrence, Kansas

WHEREAS: Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death among men and women in the United States. It accounts for more deaths than colon cancer, breast cancer, and prostate cancer combined; and

WHEREAS: According to the Centers for Disease Control, between 2015 and 2019 in Kansas there were 9,635 new cases of lung cancer and 7,059 deaths; and

WHEREAS: The 5-year survival rate for localized lung cancer is ~60%, yet only ~24% of lung cancers are diagnosed at this stage; and

WHEREAS: Funding for lung cancer research is far behind funding of many other cancers. Additional research is needed for early diagnosis, screening, and treatment of lung cancer, especially in lung cancer affecting women and lung cancer health disparities; and

WHEREAS: African Americans have the highest lung cancer incidence 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

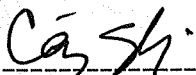
WHEREAS: Lung cancer in never smokers is the 7th leading cause of cancer-related death and accounts for 17,000-26,000 deaths in the US every year, 60-70% of never smokers diagnosed with lung cancer are women. The proportion of lung cancers diagnosed in never smokers is increasing in the US; and

WHEREAS: Organizations working in Lawrence 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 Lawrence.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Courtney Shipley, Mayor of the City of Lawrence, Kansas, do hereby proclaim November 2022 as

"Lung Cancer Awareness Month"

and recognize the need for research in lung cancer affecting women and lung cancer health disparities, and to encourage all citizens to learn about lung cancer and early detection through lung cancer screening.



Courtney Shipley, Mayor
November 1, 2022