



**Proclamation
"Lung Cancer Awareness Month"**

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

Whereas, lung cancer in individuals who had never smoked accounted for 20% of lung cancer deaths in 2018; and

Whereas, according to the Centers for Disease Control, the year of 2020 brought 3,656 new lung cancer cases and 2,174 lung and bronchial cancer deaths in Minnesota; 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

Whereas, 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, the 5-year survival rate for localized lung cancer is approximately 60%, yet only approximately 25% of lung cancers are diagnosed at this stage; and

Whereas, screening for lung cancer for high-risk individuals can lead to the earlier detection of lung cancer and save lives; and

Whereas, lung cancer research is leading to breakthroughs in the identification of genetic alterations associated with lung cancer and in the development of lung cancer treatments; 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 working to increase lung cancer screening rates in Minnesota;

Now therefore, let it be known that the mayor and city council of the City of St. Louis Park, Minnesota, hereby proclaim November 2023 as Lung Cancer Awareness Month in St. Louis Park, and encourage all people to learn about lung cancer and early detection through lung cancer screening.

Wherefore, I set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the City of St. Louis Park to be affixed this 16th day of October 2023.

