

**MAYORAL PROCLAMATION**

**LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH, NOVEMBER 2023**

Whereas, lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death among men and women in the United States and in Wisconsin in 2023, accounted for more deaths than colon cancer, breast cancer, and prostate cancer combined; and

Whereas, according to the Centers for Disease Control, between 2016 and 2020, there were 3,470 new cases of Lung and Bronchus cancer reported in Milwaukee County, with 2,084 of those cases resulting in death; and

Whereas, lung cancer is difficult to identify, with many individuals not experiencing symptoms until it has reached an advanced stage, and for that reason, yearly lung cancer screenings are recommended for those who have a history of smoking, or having quit in the previous 15 years; 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 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 large randomized trial; 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;

Whereas, organizations working in the Oak Creek 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 and working to increase lung cancer screening rates in Oak Creek; and

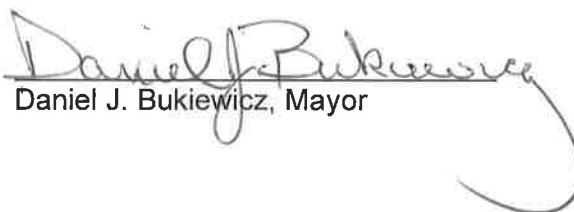
Therefore, I, Daniel J. Bukiewicz, Mayor for the City of Oak Creek, do hereby proclaim November 2023 as Lung Cancer Awareness Month in the City of Oak Creek, and recognize the need for research in lung cancer affecting women and lung cancer health disparities, and encourage all citizens, to learn about lung cancer and early detection through lung cancer screening.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023.

ATTEST:



Catherine A. Roeske, City Clerk



Daniel J. Bukiewicz, Mayor