



THE CITY OF OKLAHOMA CITY  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

# Proclamation

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

**WHEREAS**, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, there were 15,670 new lung cancer cases and 11,525 deaths because of lung cancer between 2015 and 2019 in Oklahoma; and

**WHEREAS**, the five-year survival rate for localized lung cancer is 60 percent, yet only 24 percent of lung cancers are diagnosed at this stage; 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 percent when compared to screening by chest x-ray; and

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

**WHEREAS**, 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 incidence and mortality of all groups; and

**WHEREAS**, lung cancer in “never smokers” accounts for 17,000-26,000 deaths in the US annually; and

**WHEREAS**, organizations working in the community, such as the American Lung Cancer Screening Initiative and Women’s Lung Cancer Forum, are committed to educating residents about lung cancer and lung cancer screening and working to increase lung cancer screening rates in Oklahoma City.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, DAVID HOLT**, Mayor of The City of Oklahoma City, do hereby proclaim November 2022 to be **LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH** in Oklahoma City.

Given under my hand and the Seal of The City of Oklahoma City  
this 25th day of October 2022.

Attest:

*David Holt*

Mayor David Holt

*Angie K. Simpson*

City Clerk

