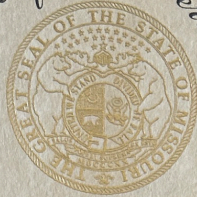


*Office of the Governor*



*State of Missouri*

*Governor's Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death among men and women in the United States in 2021, accounting for more deaths than colon cancer, breast cancer, and prostate cancer combined; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Centers for Disease Control, there were 4,041 new lung cancer cases and 2,541 deaths because of lung cancer between 2016 and 2020 in St. Louis County; and

**WHEREAS**, women diagnosed with lung cancer are now more likely to be younger and non-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; and

**WHEREAS**, organizations working in the St. Louis County 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 St. Louis County; and

**WHEREAS**, the month of November is nationally recognized as Lung Cancer Awareness Month, with the goal of raising awareness about lung cancer in our community and help combatting the stigma of this disease.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim November, 2023, to be

**Lung Cancer Awareness Month**

in Missouri.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023.



*Michael L. Parson*

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GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

*Jay Ashcraft*  
SECRETARY OF STATE