



## LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

**WHEREAS:** Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death among men and women in the United States; and the 5-year survival rate for is approx. 60%, yet only about 24% of lung cancers are diagnosed at this stage; and

**WHEREAS:** Screening for high-risk individuals can lead to its earlier detection and save lives; and funding for lung cancer research trails far behind funding for research of many other cancers; and

**WHEREAS:** Lung cancer incidence is decreasing twice as fast in men as it is in women and by 2035 more women will die from lung cancer than men; and

**WHEREAS:** Disparities in lung cancer screening, diagnosis, treatment, and mortality are well characterized among African Americans and other racial minorities; and

**WHEREAS:** Lung cancer in individuals who never smoked is the 7<sup>th</sup> leading cause of cancer-related death, 60-70% of individuals diagnosed who never smoked are women, and the proportion of lung cancers diagnosed in people who never smoked is increasing in the US; and

**WHEREAS:** Organizations such as the American Lung Cancer Screening Initiative and Women's Lung Cancer Forum are committed to educating and working to increase screening rates.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Elizabeth B. Kautz, Mayor, do hereby proclaim November 2022 as

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

**PROCLAIMED** this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022.



Elizabeth B. Kautz, Mayor