

City of Laurel



PROCLAMATION 2020-27

WHEREAS: Lung cancer will claim 135,720 lives in the United States this year, far outnumbering deaths due to breast, prostate, and colon cancer combined; and

WHEREAS: currently, 1 in 15 people in the United States can expect to receive a lung cancer diagnosis; and

WHEREAS: approximately 15% of lung cancer cases occur in people who have never smoked, and over 40% in those who have formerly smoked; and

WHEREAS: Lung cancer only has a 17% five-year survival rate; and

WHEREAS: Lung cancer kills almost twice as many women as breast cancer, and more than three times as many men as prostate cancer; and

WHEREAS: funding for lung cancer research trails far behind other cancers; and

WHEREAS: recent publications have shown that if caught early, chances of survival increase dramatically; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CRAIG A. MOE, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LAUREL, do hereby proclaim November as

LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

and encourage all City residents to learn more about evidence-based cancer screenings for early detection.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Craig A. Moe'.

**Craig A. Moe
Mayor**