



City of Fort Smith

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENT SHALL COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death among women in the United States and in Arkansas in 2021, accounting for more deaths than breast cancer, ovarian, and cervical cancer combined; (1)*(2)*; **AND,**

WHEREAS, the 5-year survival rate for localized lung cancer is ~59%, yet only ~17% of lung cancers are diagnosed at this stage; (1)*; **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 the mortality by 20% when compared to screening by chest x-ray in the National Lung Screening Trial (3)* and reducing the risk of death at 10 years by 24% in men and 33% in women as demonstrated by another large randomized trial; (4)* (9)*; **AND,**

WHEREAS, lung cancer incidence is decreasing twice as fast in men as it is in women and by 2035 it is estimated that more women will die from lung cancer than men; (5,6)* ; **AND,**

WHEREAS, the incidence of lung cancer is higher among young women when compared to young men in the U.S.; (7)*; women are more likely than men to be younger and to have never smoked at the time of lung cancer diagnosis; (8)* **AND,**

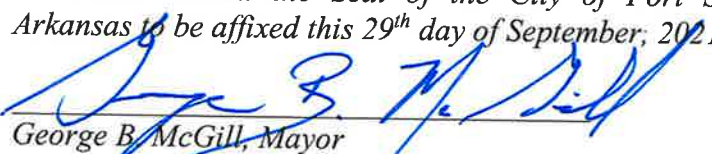
WHEREAS, the current United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) lung screening guidelines preclude screening of many high-risk women and additional research is needed to better understand differences in the epidemiology of lung cancer between men and women; (10)* **AND,**

WHEREAS, organizations working in the Fort Smith community, such as the American Lung Cancer Screening Initiative and Women's Lung Cancer Forum, are committed to educating about women's lung cancer and lung cancer screening and working to increase lung cancer screening rates in Fort Smith.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, George B. McGill, Mayor of the City of Fort Smith, Arkansas, do hereby proclaim the first week of November 2021 as "Women's Lung Cancer Awareness Week" in Fort Smith 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.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set forth my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Fort Smith, Arkansas to be affixed this 29th day of September, 2021.


George B. McGill, Mayor

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