

**PROCLAMATION
RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER AS
LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH
IN THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON**

WHEREAS, lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death among men and women in the United States and in Ohio in 2020, accounting for more deaths than colon cancer, breast cancer, and prostate cancer combined; and

WHEREAS, according to the Ohio Department of Health, there was an average of 54 new cases and 40 deaths because of lung cancer between 2012 and 2016 in Knox County; and

WHEREAS, the 5-year survival rate for localized lung cancer is approximately 59%, yet only nearly 17% are diagnosed at this stage; and

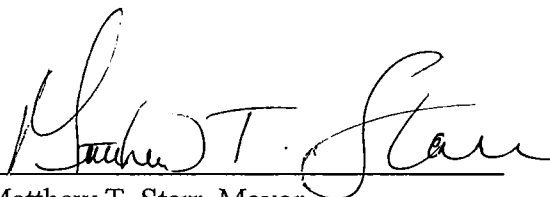
WHEREAS, screening for lung cancer for high-risk individuals using low-dose computed tomography can lead to the earlier detection and save lives, reducing the mortality rate by 20% when compared to screening by chest x-ray in the National Lung Screening Trial and reducing the risk of death at 10 years by 24% in men and 33% in women as demonstrated by another large randomized trial; and

WHEREAS, funding for lung cancer research trials is far behind funding for research of many other cancers, and additional research is needed in early diagnosis, screening, and treatment as well as the affect on women and lung cancer health disparities; and

WHEREAS, women diagnosed with lung cancer are more likely to be younger and never-smokers, 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 Mount Vernon community, such as the American Lung Cancer Screening Initiative and Women's Lung Cancer Forum, are committed to educating about lung cancer and screenings and working to increase the screening rates in Mount Vernon.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Matthew T. Starr, Mayor of the City of Mount Vernon, Ohio do hereby proclaim November as Lung Cancer Awareness Month citywide, and recognize the need for research lung cancer affecting women, health disparities, and encourage all citizens to learn about screening and early detection.


Matthew T. Starr, Mayor
City of Mount Vernon, Ohio