

The City of Owasso, Oklahoma

Proclamation

WHEREAS, The City of Owasso is proud to recognize The American Lung Cancer Screening Initiative aimed to spread awareness about the importance of lung cancer screening for high-risk patients; and,

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

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

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

WHEREAS, women diagnosed with lung cancer are more likely to be younger and never-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 Owasso 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 Owasso.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BILL BUSH, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Owasso, do hereby proclaim November as:

“Lung Cancer Awareness Month”

in Owasso, and urge our community to learn about lung cancer and early detection through lung cancer screening and to spread the word about the need for research and early detection.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, I, have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Owasso to be affixed this 8th day of December, 2020.

Bill Bush
Bill Bush, Mayor