

Office of the Mayor

# Proclamation

**Whereas:** *it is one of the privileges of the Mayor to recognize*

*important occasions in our community; and*

*WHEREAS: lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death among men and women in the United States accounting for more deaths than colon cancer, breast cancer and prostate cancer combined. The five-year survival rate for localized lung cancer is 60%, but only 24% 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 earlier detection, and the reduction of mortality rates by 20% when compared to screening by chest x-ray per the National Lung Screening Trial. The 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; and*

*WHEREAS: lung cancer in individuals who never smoked is the 7th leading cause of cancer-related deaths with radon being the leading cause of lung cancer among individuals who never smoked and the second leading cause of lung cancer overall; and*

*WHEREAS: the stigma surrounding lung cancer creates barriers to early diagnosis, treatment, and funding research, which has a detrimental impact on the quality of life of people diagnosed with lung cancer, and hinders awareness of and research into lung cancer risk factors other than smoking; and*

*WHEREAS: lung cancer research is leading to breakthroughs in the identification of genetic alterations associated with lung cancer and in the development of lung cancer treatments, including immunotherapies and targeted therapies; and*

*WHEREAS: 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.*

**NOW, THEREFORE,** *as Mayor of the City of Grove City, Ohio, I do hereby proclaim November 2022, as*

**"LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH"**

*in the City of Grove City and encourage all citizens to learn more about lung cancer and early detection through lung cancer screening.*



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** *I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of Grove City, Ohio be affixed this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of October in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.*

  
Richard L. "Ike" Stage, Mayor