



A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER AS LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH IN NEW ALBANY

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

WHEREAS, the 5-year survival rate for localized lung cancer is ~60%, yet only ~24% of lung cancers are diagnosed at this stage; and

WHEREAS, funding for lung cancer research trails 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

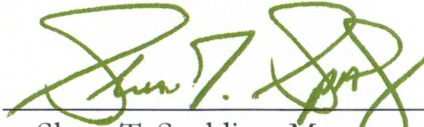
WHEREAS, the stigma surrounding lung cancer creates barriers to early diagnosis, treatment, and funding for research, has a detrimental impact on the quality of life of people diagnosed with lung cancer, and hinders awareness of and research into lung cancer risk factors other than smoking; and

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, organizations working in Ohio 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 central Ohio.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Sloan T. Spalding, Mayor of the City of New Albany, Counties of Franklin and Licking, State of Ohio, on behalf of Council and the residents of New Albany, recognize November as **LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**, urge citizens to recognize the need for expanded lung cancer research, and encourage all citizens to learn about lung cancer and early detection through lung cancer screening.

WHEREBY, I set my hand and seal this 12th day of November, 2024.



Sloan T. Spalding, Mayor