

## **PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, Lung cancer is the origination of abnormal cells that can then invade surrounding tissues or spread (metastasize) to other areas of the body. In the truest sense of the word, lung cancer can't be "cured." There is always a chance (in some cases this is very small) that lung cancer can recur, even many years or decades after it is originally found; and

WHEREAS, One in 16 people in the US will be diagnosed with lung cancer in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, Between 60% to 65% of all new lung cancer diagnoses are among people who have never smoked or are former smokers; and

WHEREAS, Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death, regardless of gender or ethnicity, taking about 156,000 American lives each year; and

WHEREAS, More lives are lost to lung cancer than to colorectal, breast, and prostate cancers combined; and

WHEREAS, Only 19% of all people diagnosed with lung cancer will survive five years or more, BUT if it's caught before it spreads, the chance for 5-year survival improves dramatically; and

WHEREAS, The City of Franklin recognizes the efforts of The Huff Project to raise funds and promote awareness to fight lung cancer, thereby improving the quality of human life for those living with the disease and their caregivers; and

WHEREAS, The month of November 2019 has been declared Lung Cancer Awareness Month to help spread global awareness of The Huff Project's vision of imagining a world without lung cancer; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the City of Franklin recognizes November 2019 as Lung Cancer Awareness Month and urges all residents to wear white to help spread global awareness of The Huff Project's vision of imagining a world without lung cancer.

Dr. Ken Moore, Mayor