



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Ovarian cancer is the ninth most commonly diagnosed cancer among women, with an estimated 22,000 new cases this year; and
- WHEREAS: In women ages 35-74, ovarian cancer is the fifth leading cause of cancer-related death; and
- WHEREAS: Every woman is at risk for ovarian cancer, regardless of age, heritage, or medical history; and
- WHEREAS: According to the American Cancer Society, this year nearly 400 women in Minnesota will be diagnosed with ovarian cancer and an estimated 260 women with the disease will die; and
- WHEREAS: Diagnosis of ovarian cancer often does not occur until it has reached an advanced stage, making it the most deadly of all gynecological cancers. Forty-five percent of women diagnosed with ovarian cancer do not survive beyond five years; and
- WHEREAS: Ovarian cancer is treatable when detected early. More than 92 percent of women survive longer than five years if the disease is detected and treated properly before it has spread beyond the ovaries; and
- WHEREAS: Additional ovarian cancer research is urgently needed to develop prevention strategies, early detection tools, better therapies, and a cure; and
- WHEREAS: Women's lives will be saved by raising public awareness about ovarian cancer and educating doctors and women about the symptoms of the disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2016, as:

OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 1st day of September.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE