



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 it is the fifth leading cause of cancer-related deaths in women ages 35-74; and
- WHEREAS: Every woman is at risk for ovarian cancer, regardless of age, heritage, or medical history; and
- WHEREAS: Diagnosis of ovarian cancer does not usually occur until it has reached an advanced stage, causing 45% of women diagnosed with the disease to die within five years, making it the most deadly of all cancers of the female reproductive system; and
- WHEREAS: Ovarian cancer is treatable when detected early. More than 92% of women survive longer than five years if the disease is detected and treated properly before it has spread beyond the ovaries; and
- WHEREAS: According to the American Cancer Society, approximately 400 women in Minnesota will be diagnosed this year with ovarian cancer and an estimated 260 in Minnesota will die of the disease; and
- WHEREAS: Relatively little is known about ovarian cancer and more research is needed to develop prevention strategies, early detection tools, better therapies, and a cure; and
- WHEREAS: Countless 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 2013, 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 19th day of August.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE