

Proclamation



WHEREAS,

Ovarian cancer is the fifth leading cause of cancer-related death for women in the United States, and a woman's lifetime risk of being diagnosed with ovarian cancer is about 1 in 78; and



WHEREAS,

the American Cancer Society estimates approximately 20,000 cases of ovarian cancer will be newly diagnosed in 2024 and approximately 13,000 people will die from the disease nationwide, including 620 new cases and 429 deaths in Georgia; and



WHEREAS,

the five-year survival rate for ovarian cancer is only 50 percent, with earlier diagnoses leading to better outcomes; early detection is not possible as symptoms of ovarian cancer are often vague or absent and there are no effective early diagnostic tools; and



WHEREAS,

the Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance is the world's leading organization dedicated to curing ovarian cancer and improving treatment by advancing science, promoting preventive measures, and advocating for, educating, and supporting anyone affected by the disease; and



WHEREAS,

from 2000-2022, women in Fulton County had a higher rate of new ovarian cancer diagnoses than the state as a whole; and



WHEREAS,

the Georgia Ovarian Cancer Alliance focuses their efforts on raising awareness and educating women in Georgia, their families, and the healthcare community, about the risks, symptoms, and treatment of ovarian cancer; and



WHEREAS,

Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month is recognized globally every September as a time to raise awareness around ovarian cancer risk factors, prevention, and the importance of genetic testing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners stands with the Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance, and the Georgia Ovarian Cancer Alliance in their efforts to raise awareness and improve the health outcomes of all citizens, and does hereby proclaim September 2025, as **"OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH"** in Fulton County, Georgia.

Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Commissioner

Attest:

Clerk to the Commission

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