



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Ovarian cancer is the ninth most commonly diagnosed cancer afflicting women, with an estimated 21,980 new cases this year. 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: Diagnosis of ovarian cancer often does not occur until it has reached an advanced stage, and it is the most deadly of all gynecological cancers; and
- WHEREAS: According to the American Cancer Society, nearly 400 women in Minnesota will be diagnosed with ovarian cancer this year, and an estimated 260 women with the disease will die. Due to late diagnosis, 45 percent of women diagnosed with ovarian cancer die within five years of diagnosis; 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: Relatively little is known about ovarian cancer and more research is needed to develop prevention strategies, early detection tools, and better therapies and cures; 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 2014, 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 2nd day of September.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE