



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Ovarian cancer is the ninth most commonly diagnosed cancer among women, with an estimated 21,880 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 46% 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 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: According to the American Cancer Society, approximately 390 women in Minnesota will be diagnosed this year with ovarian cancer and an estimated 220 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 September 10, 2011 to be:

OVARIAN CANCER ALLIANCE DAY

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 10th day of August.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Dayton".

GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark Ritchie".

SECRETARY OF STATE