

WHEREAS; ovarian cancer is the deadliest of all gynecologic cancers, and the risk of developing ovarian cancer increases with age; and

WHEREAS; according to the American Cancer Society, more than 21,000 new cases of ovarian cancer will be diagnosed in 2026 in the United States, with approximately 370 of those cases being in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; ovarian cancer does not always present early or easily identifiable symptoms, meaning that a diagnosis often does not occur until the disease has reached an advanced stage, at which point it may have spread to other parts of the body, causing a greater threat to an individual’s health; and

WHEREAS; the American Cancer Society further estimates that, when detected early, the five-year survival rate of patients with Stage 1 ovarian cancer is more than 90 percent, but few ovarian cancers are diagnosed at this early stage, and the five-year survival rate for late-stage ovarian cancer can be as low as 30 percent; and

WHEREAS; warning signs of ovarian cancer can often be incorrectly attributed to more common maladies, such as abdominal bloating, increased feeling of fullness when eating, weight loss, pelvic discomfort, fatigue, and back pain; and

WHEREAS; while several cancers can be detected through tried-and-true medical tests like a mammogram to detect breast cancer or a pap smear to detect cervical cancer, there is currently no reliable early detection test for ovarian cancer; and

WHEREAS; researchers continue to work to advance methods to prevent, detect early, and treat ovarian cancer, and increased public awareness of ovarian cancer is needed to foster early intervention; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins all those who are currently battling ovarian cancer, those who have lost their lives to the disease, those who have fought and beat ovarian cancer, and Wisconsin’s many dedicated healthcare professionals and advocates in spreading awareness and embracing hope that advancements in science and medicine will soon lead to a deeper understanding of the disease, earlier diagnoses, and new treatments to enhance individual’s quality of life;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim September 2026 as

OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state’s residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 26th day of August 2026.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State