

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

WHEREAS; ovarian cancer does not always present early 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; although the five-year survival rate for Stage 1 ovarian cancer is over 90 percent, only 20 percent of 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; while a mammogram can detect breast cancer and a pap smear can detect cervical cancer, there is no reliable early detection test for ovarian cancer; and

WHEREAS; people's lives can be saved through increased public awareness of ovarian cancer and its risk factors, signs, and symptoms; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins all those who are battling ovarian cancer, those who have lost their lives to the disease, their loved ones, and our state's many dedicated healthcare workers in spreading awareness, committing to public education, and embracing hope for better diagnoses, treatments, and a cure;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim September 2021 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 27<sup>th</sup> day of August 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State