

STATE OF MONTANA



Governor's Proclamation



WHEREAS, ovarian cancer is the fifth leading cause of cancer deaths of women in the United States and causes more deaths than any other gynecologic cancer; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society estimates 19,710 cases of ovarian cancer will be newly diagnosed in 2023 and 13,270 women will die from the disease nationwide; and

WHEREAS, the five-year survival rate for ovarian cancer is over 90 percent for women diagnosed in early stages; and

WHEREAS, persistent issues collecting and reporting data related to ovarian cancer risk, treatment, and outcomes are particularly pronounced and impede the development of effective policy; and

WHEREAS, in June 2007, the first national consensus statement on ovarian cancer symptoms was developed to provide consistency in describing symptoms to make it easier for women to learn and remember those symptoms;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim September 2023

OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in Montana to support Montanans impacted by ovarian cancer.

GREG GIANFORTE
Governor