

STATE OF MONTANA



Governor's Proclamation



WHEREAS, ovarian cancer is the fifth leading cause of cancer deaths of women in the United States and remains the deadliest gynecologic cancer; and

WHEREAS, in 2026, an estimated nearly 21,000 women will be newly diagnosed with ovarian cancer and nearly 12,450 women will lose their lives to the disease nationwide; and

WHEREAS, early detection saves lives with women diagnosed at stage I, who have a 5-year survival rate of about 94 percent, compared to an overall survival rate of about 49 percent; and

WHEREAS, greater awareness of symptoms, improved education, and expanded research are vital to achieving earlier diagnosis, better treatments, and stronger support for women and families facing this disease;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim September 2026

OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

and encourage all Montanans to stand with women and families impacted by ovarian cancer, to promote awareness of this disease, and to support efforts that advance prevention, early detection, and care.

A blue ink signature of Greg Gianforte, written in a cursive style.

GREG GIANFORTE
Governor