



PROCLAMATION



OVARIAN
CANCER
AWARENESS

OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH SEPTEMBER 2024

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, in the United States, a woman's lifetime risk of being diagnosed with ovarian cancer is about 1 in 78; and

WHEREAS, all women are at risk for ovarian cancer, but approximately 20 percent of women who are diagnosed with ovarian cancer have a hereditary predisposition to ovarian cancer, which places them at even higher risk; and

WHEREAS, the lack of an early detection test for ovarian cancer combined with its vague symptoms mean that approximately 80 percent of cases of ovarian cancer are detected at an advanced stage; and

WHEREAS, improved awareness of the symptoms of ovarian cancer by the public and health care providers can lead to a quicker diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, ongoing investments in ovarian cancer research and education and awareness efforts are critical to closing these gaps and improving survivorship for women with ovarian cancer.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Cohen Barnes, as Mayor of the City of DeKalb, Illinois, do hereby proclaim September 2024 as National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month in the City of DeKalb to increase public awareness of ovarian cancer.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of DeKalb to be affixed this 26th day of August 2024.

COHEN BARNES
Mayor