

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 33**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST**

**Introduced: 4/25/02**

**Referred: State Affairs**

**A RESOLUTION**

1 **Relating to Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month.**

2 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 **WHEREAS** the American Cancer Society reports that ovarian cancer accounts for  
4 four percent of all cancers among women, and ranks fifth as a cause of death, estimating that  
5 there will be approximately 23,000 new cases diagnosed yearly, and over 13,000 deaths; and

6 **WHEREAS**, if ovarian cancer is diagnosed and treated early while the cancer is  
7 confined to the ovary, the five-year survival rate reaches 93 percent on the average, depending  
8 on the tumor type, stage, and grade; and

9 **WHEREAS** the rate of survival drops significantly with late detection; and

10 **WHEREAS** the incidence of advanced stage ovarian cancer is increasing due to the  
11 vague symptoms and the lack of a screening test for early detection; and

12 **WHEREAS** increased public awareness of this disease, its risk factors, and its vague  
13 and often subtle symptoms will greatly enhance chances of early detection and save lives;

14 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature recognizes September as  
15 Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month and urges health care organizations, health care providers,

1 municipalities, private agencies, and individuals to observe the month with appropriate  
2 activities; and be it

3 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the  
4 Governor to proclaim the month of September as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month and to  
5 direct state agencies to observe the month with appropriate activities.