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Relating to Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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