

Office of the Mayor



Proclamation

Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month

September

- Whereas,** ovarian cancer, the deadliest of the gynecologic cancers, is the fifth leading cause of cancer deaths among women in the United States. Experts predict that more than 21,290 cases will be diagnosed in the United States in 2015, with more than half of those being women over the age of 62; and
- Whereas,** ovarian cancer is more treatable when detected early, but only 25 percent of ovarian cancer cases in the United States are diagnosed in the early stages. This is often because symptoms are easily confused with other diseases and because no reliable, easily administered tool exists; and
- Whereas,** the 5-year survival rate for the 75% of the women diagnosed with advanced disease is only 27%, whereas the 5-year survival rate for Stage I disease patients is nearly 92% and for Stage II disease patients is 72%. Currently, 50 percent of women diagnosed with ovarian cancer die from it within five years. Among African-American women, only 48 percent survive five years or more; and
- Whereas,** early detection of this disease remains the best way to save women's lives and is not normally diagnosed with routine pelvic and pap exams. Symptoms may include abdominal pressure or bloating, persistent digestive problems, excessive fatigue, frequent urination and sometimes abdominal bleeding. Women also should be aware that risk factors are higher for those who are over 50 years of age, who have a personal or family history of ovarian, breast, or colon cancer, and who have borne a child; and
- Whereas,** it is appropriate to commend the scientists, physicians, and other medical and health professionals who are working to advance knowledge and understanding of ovarian and other gynecological cancer. It is also appropriate to encourage all Monroe Township residents to learn more about the disease and the importance of early detection, as this can save lives and protect the health and well-being of countless women; and
- Whereas,** prominent buildings across North America and the world will turn their lights teal or display teal ribbons to raise awareness for ovarian cancer;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, that I, GERALD W. TAMBURRO, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, do hereby proclaim September as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month and urge all citizens to "Turn the Towns Teal" in the Township of Monroe.

Dated: August 2, 2016


GERALD W. TAMBURRO, MAYOR