

Proclamation

by Governor Patrick Morrisey

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, the American Cancer Society estimates 21,010 cases of ovarian cancer will be newly diagnosed in 2026, and 12,450 individuals will die from the disease nationwide, including 110 new cases and 80 deaths in West Virginia; and

Whereas, the five-year survival rate for ovarian cancer is 50 percent and survival rates vary greatly depending on the stage of diagnosis; and

Whereas, there is currently no effective diagnostic tool for screening and no standard, reliable early detection screening; and

Whereas, there is an increasing need for greater awareness, education, and research to promote earlier detection, improve treatment outcomes, and provide support for women and families affected by ovarian cancer.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Patrick Morrisey, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *September 2026* as:

Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in observance.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Twenty-Second Day of September, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Six, and in the One Hundred Sixty-Fourth Year of the State.



Patrick Morrisey
Governor

By the Governor:



Kris Warner
Secretary of State