

TOWN OF BOONTON

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Ovarian Cancer is called the “silent killer” because its symptoms are often vague or subtle; and

WHEREAS, Ovarian Cancer is the fourth leading cause of cancer death among women and the leading cause of gynecologic cancer death in the United States; and

WHEREAS, each year, more than 22,000 Americans are diagnosed with this disease and approximately 16,000 die from it; and

WHEREAS, if detected in its early stages, survival from Ovarian Cancer is 90-95 percent. Yet the five-year survival rate for the disease is only 28 percent, because it is so difficult to detect early; and

WHEREAS, the *Kaleidoscope of Hope Foundation* (KOH), a local non-profit group co-founded by ovarian cancer survivors Gail MacNeil of Chatham Township and Lois Myers and Patricia Stewart of Harding Township, raises funds for ovarian cancer research and increases awareness of the disease and its symptoms, and wishes to remind the public that September is Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, KOH will be holding its annual Walkathons on September 16 at Loantaka Brook Reservation in Morristown starting with special guest speaker Senator Richard J. Coder; on September 29 at Avon and September 30 at Richard DeKorte Park in Lyndhurst.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Boonton declare their support for the *Kaleidoscope of Hope Walkathons* and proclaim September as Ovarian Cancer Awareness month.

Cyril Wekilsky, Mayor

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