

TOWN OF BOONTON

PROCLAMATION

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;

Whereas, in the United States, a woman's lifetime risk of being diagnosed with ovarian cancer is approximately 1 in 78;

Whereas, the American Cancer Society estimates 21,750 cases of ovarian cancer were newly diagnosed and 13,940 individuals died from the disease in the United States;

Whereas, the 5-year survival rate for ovarian cancer is approximately 46.5 percent, and survival rates vary greatly depending on the stage of diagnosis;

Whereas, the 5-year survival rate for ovarian cancer is more than 90 percent for individuals diagnosed in early stages;

Whereas, the first national consensus statement on ovarian cancer symptoms was developed to provide consistency in describing symptoms to make it easier for women to learn and remember those symptoms;

Whereas, too many people remain unaware that the symptoms of ovarian cancer often include bloating, pelvic or abdominal pain, difficulty eating or feeling full quickly, urinary symptoms, and several other vague symptoms that are often easily confused with other diseases;

Whereas, improved awareness of the symptoms of ovarian cancer by the public and health care providers can lead to a quicker diagnosis and improved outcomes;

Whereas, the lack of an early detection test for ovarian cancer, combined with its vague symptoms, means that approximately 80 percent of cases of ovarian cancer are detected at an advanced stage;

Whereas, according to a 2016 consensus report by the National Academy of Medicine, "there remain surprising gaps in the fundamental knowledge about and understanding of ovarian cancer" across all aspects of the disease;

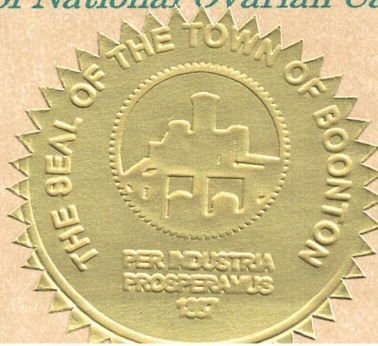
Whereas, each year during the month of September, Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance and its community partners hold a number of events to increase public awareness of ovarian cancer and its symptoms; and

Whereas, September 2022 should be designated as "National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month" to increase public awareness of ovarian cancer: Now, therefore, be it

Now therefore, I, Richard Corcoran, Mayor of the Town of Boonton and on behalf of the Town Council proclaim *September 2022 as "National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month" and supports the goals and ideals of National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month.*



Richard Corcoran, Mayor



September 1, 2022