



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, ovarian cancer is the sixth leading cause of cancer deaths in Illinois among women combined, and there is currently no cure; and,

**WHEREAS**, one in 91 women will be diagnosed with ovarian cancer in their lifetimes, and it is estimated that 770 people will be diagnosed with ovarian cancer and 410 lives will be lost from ovarian cancer in 2026 in Illinois; and,

**WHEREAS**, ovarian cancer incidence and mortality rates are disproportionately higher among racial and ethnic minorities, with white, non-Hispanic people in Illinois in 2023 having the highest rate of new ovarian cancer at 9.9 new cases per 100,000 people and black non-Hispanic people having the highest mortality rate at 5.8 deaths per 100,000 people in 2024; and,

**WHEREAS**, ovarian cancer has no screening test, and genetic testing should be considered to identify risks and take preventive actions to reduce risks; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is critical that all women, of all ages, know the signs and symptoms of the disease; and,

**WHEREAS**, observing an Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month during the month of September will emphasize the importance of prevention and early detection;

**THEREFORE**, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim September 2026 as **Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month** in Illinois to raise public awareness of this disease.

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



Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,  
this SECOND day of SEPTEMBER, in  
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and  
TWENTY-SIX, and of the State of Illinois,  
two hundred and SEVENTH.

*Alexi Giannouli*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*JB Pritzker*  
GOVERNOR