

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of September 2016 as "Ovarian Cancer
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Every woman is at risk for ovarian cancer regardless
4 of age, heritage or medical history; and

5 WHEREAS, According to the American Cancer Society, a woman's
6 risk of being diagnosed with ovarian cancer during her lifetime
7 is 1 in 75; and

8 WHEREAS, Ovarian cancer is the eighth most common cancer
9 among women and the fifth leading cause of cancer death among
10 women; and

11 WHEREAS, Approximately one-half of the women with ovarian
12 cancer are 63 years of age or older; and

13 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society estimates that there
14 will be approximately 22,280 new cases of ovarian cancer in the
15 United States in 2016 and that 14,240 women will die from
16 ovarian cancer in 2016; and

17 WHEREAS, Approximately 15% of ovarian cancers are found at an

1 early stage; and

2 WHEREAS, Early detection improves the chances of survival;

3 and

4 WHEREAS, Nine out of ten women treated for early ovarian

5 cancer will live longer than five years after the cancer is

6 found; and

7 WHEREAS, Ovarian cancer awareness and education are important

8 factors in diagnosis and treatment; therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
10 month of September 2016 as "Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month" in
11 Pennsylvania.