



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, ovarian cancer, the deadliest of the gynecologic cancers, ranks fifth in cancer deaths among women in the United States. Experts predict that about 22,280 women will receive a new diagnosis of ovarian cancer in 2016, with more than half of those being women over the age of 63. Of those, about 14,240 will die; and

WHEREAS, ovarian cancer is more treatable when detected early, but only 25% of ovarian cancer cases in the United States are diagnosed in the early stages. This is often because symptoms are easily confused with other diseases and because no reliable, easily administered tool exists; and

WHEREAS, the five-year survival rate for the 75% of the women diagnosed with advanced disease is only 27%; however, the five-year survival rate for Stage I disease patients is nearly 92% and for Stage II disease patients it is 72%. Currently, 50% of women diagnosed with ovarian cancer die from it within five years. Among African American women, only 48% survive five years or more; and

WHEREAS, early detection of this disease remains the best way to save women's lives and is not normally diagnosed with routine pelvic and pap exams. Symptoms may include abdominal pressure or bloating, persistent digestive problems, excessive fatigue, frequent urination, and, sometimes, abdominal bleeding. Women also should be aware that risk factors are higher for those who are over 50 years of age, who have a personal or family history of ovarian, breast, or colon cancer, and who have borne a child; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to commend the scientists, physicians, and other medical and health professionals who are working to advance knowledge and understanding of ovarian and other gynecological cancer. It is also appropriate to encourage all Borough of Spotswood residents to learn more about the disease and the importance of early detection, as this can save lives and protect the health and well-being of countless women; and

WHEREAS, prominent buildings across North America and the world will turn their lights teal or display teal ribbons to raise awareness for ovarian cancer;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Nicholas Polisen, Mayor of the Borough of Spotswood, do hereby proclaim September as **OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH** and urge all citizens to "Turn the Towns Teal" in the Borough of Spotswood.

DATED: September 7, 2016

Nicholas Polisen
Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia DeStefano, RMC
Municipal Clerk

