



# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the American Cancer Society estimates that about 22,440 will receive a new diagnosis of ovarian cancer in 2017, and approximately 14,080 women will die from the disease; and,

**WHEREAS**, ovarian cancer ranks fifth in cancer deaths among women, accounting for more deaths than any other cancer of the female reproductive system; a woman's risk of getting ovarian cancer during her lifetime is about 1 in 75, and her lifetime chance of dying from ovarian cancer is about 1 in 100; 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, Ed Seely, Mayor of the Borough of Spotswood, together with our Governing Body, do hereby proclaim September as **OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH** and urge all citizens to **"TURN THE TOWNS TEAL"** in the Borough of Spotswood.

DATED: August 14, 2017

  
Ed Seely  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Patricia DeStefano, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

