# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1041                    By: Stark

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution raising awareness for ovarian cancer; and recognizing the Month of September as National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month.

WHEREAS, National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month helps to remind us of those who suffer from this disease and that a cure has not yet been found; and

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; and

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

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society estimates 19,680 cases of ovarian cancer will be newly diagnosed in 2024 and 12,740 individuals will die from the disease nationwide; and

1     WHEREAS, the five-year survival rate for ovarian cancer is fifty

2  percent and survival rates vary greatly depending on the stage of

3  diagnosis; and

4     WHEREAS, Oklahoma currently has the highest mortality rate in

5  the nation related to ovarian cancer; and

6     WHEREAS, there is not currently an effective diagnostic tool for

7  screening, and early detection does not exist; and

8     WHEREAS, the best way to observe Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month

9  is done by pursuing education, especially ways to identify early

10 stages and by participating in fundraising activities with the

11 purpose of providing research and education for ovarian cancer.

12    NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

13 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 59TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

14    THAT, the Oklahoma House of Representatives supports the

15 recognition of the month of September as Ovarian Cancer Awareness

16 month in Oklahoma, and encourages all Oklahomans to learn more about

17 the disease as this can save lives and protect the health and well-

18 being of countless women.

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