

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

3 HOUSE RESOLUTION 1041

By: Stark

4  
5  
6 AS INTRODUCED

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

10  
11 WHEREAS, National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month helps to remind  
12 us of those who suffer from this disease and that a cure has not yet  
13 been found; and

14 WHEREAS, ovarian cancer is the fifth leading cause of cancer  
15 deaths of women in the United States and causes more deaths than any  
16 other gynecologic cancer; and

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

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

22 WHEREAS, the five-year survival rate for ovarian cancer is fifty  
23 percent and survival rates vary greatly depending on the stage of  
24 diagnosis; and  
--

1           WHEREAS, Oklahoma currently has the highest mortality rate in  
2 the nation related to ovarian cancer; and

3           WHEREAS, there is not currently an effective diagnostic tool for  
4 screening, and early detection does not exist; and

5           WHEREAS, the best way to observe Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month  
6 is done by pursuing education, especially ways to identify early  
7 stages and by participating in fundraising activities with the  
8 purpose of providing research and education for ovarian cancer.

9           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
10 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 59TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

11           THAT, the Oklahoma House of Representatives supports the  
12 recognition of the month of September as Ovarian Cancer Awareness  
13 month in Oklahoma, and encourages all Oklahomans to learn more about  
14 the disease as this can save lives and protect the health and well-  
15 being of countless women.

16  
17           59-2-10929           TJ           04/16/24

18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
--