

# Proclamation



## Ovarian Cancer Awareness September 2019

**WHEREAS**, ovarian cancer is the deadliest of all gynecologic cancers and is the fifth leading cause of cancer deaths among women in the United States;

**WHEREAS**, in 2019 it is estimated that there will be about 700 women newly diagnosed with ovarian cancer and about 380 women will die from ovarian cancer in New Jersey;

**WHEREAS**, the current 5 year relative survival rate (as of 2008-2014) of those diagnosed with ovarian cancer is only 47%;

**WHEREAS**, only 20% of ovarian cancers are found at an early stage and when found early, about 94% of patients live longer than 5 years after diagnosis;

**WHEREAS**, there is currently no reliable early detection test for ovarian cancer resulting in about 80% of cases detected at an advanced stage;

**WHEREAS**, because ovarian cancer often goes undetected until advanced stages, increasing awareness of risk factors is critical to fighting this disease; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Somerset supports the work of the New Jersey Office of Cancer Control and Prevention and the Kaleidoscope of Hope Ovarian Cancer Foundation through our Morris Somerset Cancer and Chronic Disease Coalition;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Brian D. Levine, Director of the Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders, to help save lives and raise awareness of ovarian cancer, do hereby support and recognize September Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month, and call upon citizens, government agencies, organizations, health care providers, and research institutions to raise ovarian cancer awareness and continue helping women live longer, healthier lives. We also urge women to talk to their health care providers and learn more about this disease.



Brian D. Levine, Freeholder Director



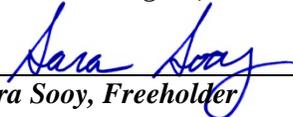
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Brian G. Gallagher, Freeholder

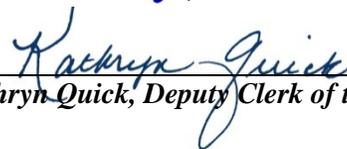


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August 27, 2019