

1 [Designating September of every year as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month.]

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3 **Resolution designating September of every year as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month.**

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5 WHEREAS, The incidence of ovarian cancer is increasing over time with a 30%  
6 increase in the number of ovarian cancer cases and an 18% increase in the number of  
7 ovarian cancer deaths reported in the past decade (1985-1995), and

8 WHEREAS, Ovarian cancer has been predicted to reach epidemic proportions as the  
9 population ages because advancing age is one of the known risk factor for the development  
10 of ovarian cancer; and,

11 WHEREAS, The Pap smear is sensitive and specific to the early detection of cervical  
12 cancer but not to ovarian cancer, and there is no screening test currently used for the early  
13 detection of ovarian cancer; and,

14 WHEREAS, The symptoms of ovarian cancer are vague and not well known by the  
15 public, the majority of ovarian cancer cases (70%) are detected at an advanced stage, and  
16 the survival rates for women with advanced ovarian cancer has shown minimal improvement  
17 over the last 15-25 years; and,

18 WHEREAS, If diagnosed and treated at an early stage before the cancer spreads  
19 outside of the ovary, the treatment is potentially less costly, and the five-year survival rate is  
20 higher (92%)

21 WHEREAS, There are factors which are known to reduce the risk for ovarian cancer  
22 and play an important role in the prevention of the disease; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
24 designate September of every year as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month; and, be it

25 FURTHER RESOLVED, That by this designation of Ovarian Cancer Awareness

1 Month, the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco encourages and  
2 promotes the efforts of the people and the health care practitioners in San Francisco to  
3 increase their awareness of this disease and to educate themselves about its early detection  
4 and prevention, the risk factors involved in its development, and the early warning symptoms  
5 and signs.  
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August 13, 2001 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Newsom,  
Peskin, Sandoval, Yee  
Absent: 1 - Hall

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution  
was ADOPTED on August 13, 2001 by the  
Board of Supervisors of the City and County  
of San Francisco.

Gregoire Hobson  
Acting Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved

  
Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.