



*The Office of the Mayor*

## PROCLAMATION

- 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, including 110 new cases and 80 deaths in Idaho; and,
- WHEREAS,** the five-year survival rate for ovarian cancer is 50 percent and survival rates vary greatly depending on the stage of diagnosis; and,
- WHEREAS,** there is not currently an effective diagnostic tool for screening and early detection does not exist.

**THEREFORE,** I, Mayor Robert E. Simison, hereby proclaim May 8, 2024 as

## World Ovarian Cancer Day

in the City of Meridian and encourage all citizens to come alongside the women and their families fighting against ovarian cancer by increasing awareness, expanding research and empowering women to reduce the risk of diagnosis.

*Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024*

  
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