



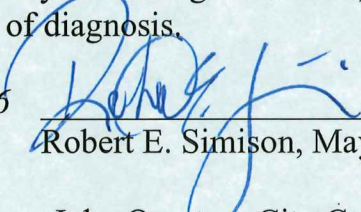
The Office of the Mayor
PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** ovarian cancer ranks sixth in cancer deaths among women, accounting for more deaths than any other cancer of the female reproductive system; 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 21,010 cases of ovarian cancer will be newly diagnosed in 2026 and 12,450 individuals will die from the disease nationwide, including 120 new cases and 70 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,** National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month is proclaimed annually in September to raise public awareness, honor survivors, and support research.
- THEREFORE,** I, Mayor Robert E. Simison, hereby proclaim September 2026 as

Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month

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 22nd day of September, 2026



Robert E. Simison, Mayor

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