



PROCLAMATION

Office of the Mayor
Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month
September 2023



- WHEREAS:** In the past, ovarian cancer was referred to as the “silent killer,” but in 2007 doctors agreed that there are subtle early warning signs, such as bloating, urinary urgency or frequency, feeling full quickly when eating, and pelvic or abdominal pain or pressure; and
- WHEREAS:** Ovarian cancer is the fifth leading cause of cancer death among women and the leading cause of gynecologic cancer death in the United States. Each year almost 20,000 women are diagnosed with the disease and approximately 13,000 die from it; and
- WHEREAS:** If detected in the early stages, the 5-year survival rate can be as high as 90%, but only 16% are diagnosed with early-stage disease. There is no screening test, so awareness of symptoms remains imperative; and
- WHEREAS:** Mortality rates for ovarian cancer have declined only slightly in the 40 years since the “War on Cancer” was declared. However, other cancers have shown a much greater reduction in mortality due to many factors; and
- WHEREAS:** September has been designated as National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month. Turn the Towns Teal is a national campaign to create awareness of ovarian cancer and its symptoms. This campaign was the inspiration of Gail MacNeil of Chatham, NJ and goes forward in her name and honor; and
- WHEREAS:** Biodegradable ribbons will be tied on trees and poles throughout Middletown to raise awareness about the disease. Free symptom and information cards will also be placed at local businesses. Now,
- THEREFORE:** I, Mayor Tony Perry and the Middletown Township Committee, do hereby proclaim that September 2023 is **Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month** in Middletown Township. Be it further proclaimed that the governing body supports the Turn the Towns Teal Awareness Campaign.

*Given, under my hand and the Great Seal of the Township of Middletown,
this eighteenth day of September in the year two thousand twenty-three*

Mayor Tony Perry