

PROCLAMATION
Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month September 2025

WHEREAS, ovarian cancer is the fifth leading cause of cancer-related deaths among women in the United States and causes 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 that in 2024, 19,680 cases of ovarian cancer will be newly diagnosed and 12,740 individuals will die from the disease nationwide, including an estimated 620 new cases and 429 deaths in Georgia; and

WHEREAS, ovarian cancer often presents with vague or no symptoms, there is no reliable early detection test, and treatment options remain limited, making diagnosis particularly difficult and urgent; and

WHEREAS, the five-year survival rate for ovarian cancer remains only 50 percent, and outcomes vary greatly depending on the stage at which the cancer is detected; and

WHEREAS, raising awareness and supporting education, research, and community-based initiatives such as those led by organizations like the Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance (OCRA) and Harts of Teal are essential in improving survival rates, supporting survivors, and offering hope to families affected by this disease; and

WHEREAS, September is nationally recognized as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month, an opportunity to honor those who have battled ovarian cancer, support those currently in treatment, and work toward greater awareness, earlier detection, and improved treatment options;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Walton County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims September 2025 as **Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month in Walton County, Georgia**, and encourages all residents to learn more about the signs and symptoms of ovarian cancer, to support those who are affected, and to join in raising awareness through education, outreach, and advocacy.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Seal of Walton County to be affixed this 2nd day of September 2025, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-five, and the Independence of the United States of America the two-hundred and forty-ninth.

David G. Thompson, Chairman
Walton County Board of Commissioners