
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ACKNOWLEDGING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER AS NATIONAL OVARIAN CANCER
MONTH AND GYNECOLOGICAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH.

1 WHEREAS, ovarian cancer is the eighth most common cancer in
2 women and accounts for more deaths than any other cancer of the
3 female reproductive system; and
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5 WHEREAS, statistics show that when ovarian cancer is
6 diagnosed early, the chance for a cure is much greater; and
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8 WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society estimates that there
9 will be 22,430 new cases of ovarian cancer in 2007 in the United
10 States and an estimated 15,280 deaths from this disease; and
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12 WHEREAS, only 19 percent of ovarian cancers are discovered
13 before they have spread outside the ovaries; and
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15 WHEREAS, in the past, ovarian cancer was known as a silent
16 killer, but modern research has shown that perception to be
17 incorrect; and
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19 WHEREAS, a joint statement released in June of 2007 by the
20 American Cancer Society, the Gynecologic Cancer Foundation, and
21 the Society of Gynecologic Oncologists, states that recent
22 medical studies show identifiable symptoms often do exist for
23 ovarian cancer, even in the early stages; and
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25 WHEREAS, the most common symptoms of ovarian cancer have
26 been identified as:
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28 (1) Bloating;

29 (2) Pelvic or abdominal pain;

30 (3) Trouble eating or feeling full quickly; and
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1 (4) Urinary symptoms, such as urgent or frequent feelings
2 of needing to go;

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6 WHEREAS, medical experts recommend that while these same
7 symptoms are known to occur with many different types of
8 illnesses, if there is an unusual occurrence or frequency of
9 occurrences, or if they last for more than a few weeks, they
10 should prompt a woman to see a doctor, preferably a
11 gynecologist; now, therefore,

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13 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
14 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
15 Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature
16 hereby acknowledges the month of September as National Ovarian
17 Cancer Month and Gynecological Cancer Awareness Month; and

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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that primary health care providers
20 and cancer organizations are urged to develop and implement
21 educational strategies to inform women of the common symptoms of
22 ovarian cancer; and

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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
25 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health,
26 Director of the American Cancer Society - Hawaii Pacific, and
27 President and Chief Executive Officer of the Healthcare
28 Association of Hawaii.

