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# HOUSE 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;

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30           (2) Pelvic or abdominal pain;

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



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

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10 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
11 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
12 Session of 2008, that this body hereby acknowledges the month of  
13 September as National Ovarian Cancer Month and Gynecological  
14 Cancer Awareness Month; and

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

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

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