

# Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month

## September 2020

### PROCLAMATION

**THIS MONTH WE RECOGNIZE THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND OFFER SUPPORT TO THOSE WHO CONTINUE TO FIGHT FOR THEIR LIVES.**

*Whereas:* The Canadian Cancer Society estimates that close to 3000 women and girls of all ages will be diagnosed with Ovarian Cancer in 2020 and that 63% of these women and girls will not live to see 5 years; and

*Whereas:* Ovarian Cancer is the most fatal gynecological cancer in Canada and yet the survival rate of women diagnosed with Ovarian Cancer in Canada has not changed in 50 years; and

*Whereas:* Early detection of the disease remains the best way to save lives, however there is no reliable screening test for Ovarian Cancer. Symptoms include abdominal pressure or bloating, digestive problems, excessive fatigue, frequent urination and changes in bowel habit; and

*Whereas:* The WOMEN OF HOPE group was created in 2016 and now has over 2600 members worldwide. The group's mandate is to offer support for affected women, their families and friends and to raise awareness for Ovarian Cancer and encourage the TEAL movement; and

*Therefore:* Be it resolved that I, Danny Breen, Mayor of the City of St. John's, together with our city council, do hereby proclaim September as OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH.

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Danny Breen  
Mayor St. John's, NL

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Susan Glynn  
Founder Women of Hope

