

Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, ovarian cancer is the fifth leading cause of cancer deaths of women in the United States and causes more deaths than any other gynecologic cancer; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, a woman's lifetime risk of being diagnosed with ovarian cancer is about one in 78. The American Cancer Society estimates 20,890 cases of ovarian cancer will be newly diagnosed in 2025 and 12,730 individuals will die from the disease nationwide, including 300 new cases and 90 deaths in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the five-year survival rate for ovarian cancer is 50 percent and survival rates vary greatly depending on the stage of diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, there is not currently an effective diagnostic tool for screening and early detection does not exist; and

WHEREAS, the Norma Livingston Ovarian Cancer Foundation has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars to fund ovarian cancer research at the University of Alabama at Birmingham and at the University of South Alabama Mitchell Cancer Center and provided funds for the support of ovarian cancer patients throughout the state of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, it is crucial to educate Alabama women about ovarian cancer signs, symptoms, risks, prevention, detection and treatment; and

WHEREAS, we remember, honor and memorialize those who have fought hard bur lost their battle to ovarian cancer;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim September 2025, as

Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month

in the state of Alabama.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 26th day of June 2025.

Kay Ivey Covernor