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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, In the United States, a woman's lifetime risk of
3 being diagnosed with ovarian cancer is 1 in 78; and

4 WHEREAS, The five-year survival rate for ovarian cancer is
5 46.5 percent; survival rates vary greatly depending on the
6 stage of diagnosis; and

7 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society estimates 864 cases of
8 ovarian cancer will be diagnosed in Illinois this year, and 587
9 women will die from the disease; and

10 WHEREAS, Of all the counties in the United States, Illinois
11 has four counties in the top 20 for highest death rates from
12 ovarian cancer; and

13 WHEREAS, All women are at risk for ovarian cancer, but
14 approximately 20 percent of women who are diagnosed with
15 ovarian cancer have a hereditary predisposition to ovarian
16 cancer, which places them at higher risk; and

17 WHEREAS, While the mammogram can detect breast cancer and
18 the Pap smear can detect cervical cancer, there is no reliable
19 early detection test for ovarian cancer; and

1 WHEREAS, Many people are unaware that the symptoms of
2 ovarian cancer often include bloating, pelvic or abdominal
3 pain, difficulty eating or feeling full quickly, urinary
4 symptoms, and several other symptoms that are easily confused
5 with other diseases; and

6 WHEREAS, The lack of an early detection test for ovarian
7 cancer, combined with vague symptoms, means that approximately
8 80 percent of cases of ovarian cancer are detected at advanced
9 stages; and

10 WHEREAS, The month of September is dedicated to increasing
11 awareness of ovarian cancer, to acknowledging the women who
12 have lived through and are living with this deadly disease, and
13 to honoring the women we have lost; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
15 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
16 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we declare September 2019 as
17 Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month in Illinois; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to the Illinois Chapter of the National Ovarian
20 Cancer Coalition.