

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, ovarian cancer, the fifth most common cause of cancer fatality in the United States, is a serious and under-recognized threat to women's health across New Jersey and the nation; and

WHEREAS, there will be an estimated 22,500 new cases of ovarian cancer diagnosed in the United States and an estimated 16,000 deaths of women already stricken by ovarian cancer in 2009; and

WHEREAS, ovarian cancer is treatable when detected early; and

WHEREAS, there is no screening test currently for the early detection of ovarian cancer; and

WHEREAS, increased public awareness of this disease, its risk factors and its subtle symptoms may save lives as women across New Jersey and their doctors learn to recognize the warning signs of ovarian cancer, which are often the only early indication of illness; and

WHEREAS, the Northern New Jersey National Ovarian Cancer Coalition, Atlantic Health System and Kaleidoscope of Hope are partnering to promote ovarian cancer awareness during the month of September, in particular, the Turn The Towns Teals campaign; and

WHEREAS, more ovarian cancer research can help to develop reliable diagnostics, better therapies and prevention strategies thereby offering women in New Jersey each year the opportunity to win their battle for life against this most deadly of all gynecologic cancers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Albert S. Ellis, do hereby proclaim September as

OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in the Borough of Watchung and support the Turn the Towns Teal awareness campaign.

Albert S. Ellis, Mayor

Date: August 20, 2009