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Resolution recognizing September as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month in New York City.

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Whereas, The American Cancer Society (ACS) estimates that almost 22,000 women will receive a new diagnosis of ovarian cancer and over 14,000 women will die from ovarian cancer in the United States in 2014; and

Whereas, Ovarian cancer ranks fifth in cancer deaths among women, accounting for more deaths than any other cancer of the female reproductive system; and

Whereas, According to ACS, a woman's risk of getting ovarian cancer during her lifetime is about 1 in 73 and her lifetime chance of dying from ovarian cancer is about 1 in 100; and

Whereas, Currently there are no reliable screening tests for ovarian cancer and researchers are continuing to look for new tests to help diagnose ovarian cancer early; and

Whereas, The National Ovarian Cancer Coalition has found that ovarian cancer often goes undetected until advanced stages and only 20% of ovarian cancers are found at an early stage; and

Whereas, When ovarian cancer is found early at a localized stage, about 94% of patients live longer than 5 years after diagnosis, according to ACS; and

Whereas, Awareness of symptoms is key to early detection and increased chances of survival; and

Whereas, President Barack Obama, as well as former President George W. Bush, has proclaimed September National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month every year of his presidency; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the New York City Council recognizes September as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month  
in New York City.

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