

**TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON  
PROCLAMATION**

**RECOGNIZING  
SEPTEMBER AS NATIONAL OVARIAN CANCER  
AWARENESS MONTH, 2016**

**WHEREAS,** Each September, in honor of the women who have been taken by ovarian cancer and the brave individuals still fighting this disease, we reaffirm our commitment to carrying forward this important work; and

**WHEREAS,** Ovarian cancer affects women of all ages and backgrounds, causing more deaths than any other female reproductive system. Ovarian cancer is more common among older women and those who have it in their family history, but because most women are diagnosed without being at high risk, it is crucial that all women consult with their health care providers when experiencing some of its symptoms, which include pressure, swelling, and abdominal pain; and

**WHEREAS,** It is estimated that more than 22,000 American women will be diagnosed with ovarian cancer this year, and due to a lack of effective screening tests and early warning signs, many of these cases will be caught at an advanced stage -- making the cancer more difficult to treat, with a lower chance for recovery; the incidence of ovarian cancer, and its death rate, have fallen in recent years; and

**WHEREAS,** During National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month, as we recognize those in the medical community who work tirelessly to provide treatment and care and pay tribute to those who have lost their lives to this disease, let us resolve to increase awareness of ovarian cancer and shape a cancer-free future.

**THEREFORE,** I, Barbara A. Wallace, Mayor of Washington Township, do hereby proclaim September 2016 as National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month. I call upon citizens, organizations, health care providers, and research institutions to raise ovarian cancer awareness and continue helping Americans live longer, healthier lives.

  
**BARBARA A. WALLACE, MAYOR**