

Proclamation

September 24, 2024

Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month

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, almost 22,000 women are diagnosed with ovarian cancer in the United States every year, and about 14,000 lose their lives; including 590 new cases and 340 deaths in New Jersey; with over 230,000 families living with ovarian cancer today; and

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

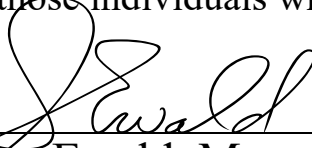
WHEREAS, the five-year survival rate for ovarian cancer is 50 percent and survival rates vary greatly depending on the stage of diagnosis; and,

WHEREAS, ovarian cancer is called the "silent killer" because its symptoms are often vague or subtle; and

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

WHEREAS, on this day we encourage all residents to learn more about the subtle signs, symptoms, and current treatment options available to women to identify and overcome this disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Stacey Ewald, Mayor of the Township of Chatham, along with the Township Committee, do hereby proclaim September 2024 as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month in the Township of Chatham and encourage all to wear a teal ribbon in support of those individuals who may be battling the disease.



Stacey Ewald, Mayor