

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, the fifth leading cause of cancer deaths among American women, ovarian cancer affects 1 in 78 females of all ages with approximately 21,750 women around the country expected to be diagnosed this year and an estimated 13,940 deaths projected; and

WHEREAS, ovarian cancer is one of the deadliest of all gynecologic cancers, yet cases are not diagnosed until the advanced stages due to lack of early detection testing, and the subtlety and lack of awareness of symptoms among the patients and their doctors; and

WHEREAS, with the survival rate for late stage patients at less than thirty percent, and the relative five-year survival rate for those diagnosed late stage at only 45.5 percent and early stage survival at over 90 percent, it is imperative that we strive for improved funding for research, and promoting the education of women and physicians about the subtle symptoms and risk factors of ovarian cancer; and

WHEREAS, incorporated in 1994, **Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance** (OCRAHOPE.ORG) is the oldest and largest ovarian cancer charity in the world with the mission of curing ovarian cancer, advocating for patients and supporting survivors, and the organization is dedicated to saving lives and ending ovarian cancer through research, and to date has raised over \$100 million and continues to advocate for federal research funding and health policies that benefit patients and survivors; and

WHEREAS, September is nationally recognized as **Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month** and the color teal is utilized to promote awareness and encourage the community to display the color in recognition of this important cause; and

WHEREAS, locally, to bring awareness to the Tampa Bay community and raise needed funding for research, advocacy and support, **ORCA Heroes: Namaste for a Cure Tampa**, an outdoor yoga event, is held on September 11, 2021 at the Ybor Museum Garden and the City of Tampa is pleased to join the organization, sponsors and volunteers in promoting this awareness campaign.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2021 as

“OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH”

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to take part in activities which will raise awareness about the symptoms and diagnostic tools available for this disease, and display and wear the color **teal** throughout the month of September to bring attention to ovarian cancer and the vital need for a cure.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 17th day of August, 2021.



Mayor

