

**PROCLAMATION**  
**OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, Ovarian cancer is the 5<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death among women and the American Cancer Society estimates each year approximately 20,890 women will be diagnosed with ovarian cancer and 12,730 will die from the disease nationwide—including an estimated 470 new cases and 330 deaths in Arizona; and

**WHEREAS**, a woman’s lifetime risk of being diagnosed with ovarian cancer is approximately 1 in 91, and her lifetime risk of dying from the disease is approximately 1 in 143;

**WHEREAS**, due to vague symptoms and the lack of reliable early detection test most women are not diagnosed until Stage III or later, when the cancer has already begun to spread to the lymph nodes and outside of the pelvis;

**WHEREAS**, although the five-year survival rate for Stage I ovarian cancer is over 90 percent, only 15 percent of ovarian cancers are diagnosed at this early stage, and the five-year survival rate for late-stage ovarian cancer is below 30 percent;

**WHEREAS**, while a mammogram can detect breast cancer and a pap smear can detect cervical cancer, there is no reliable early detection test for ovarian cancer;

**WHEREAS**, this month, the City of El Mirage joins all those who are battling ovarian cancer, those who have lost their lives to the disease, their loved ones, and our state’s many dedicated healthcare workers in spreading awareness, committing to public education, and embracing hope for better diagnoses, treatments and a cure.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Alexis Hermosillo, Mayor of El Mirage, Arizona do hereby proclaim September 2025 as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month and, I encourage all residents of El Mirage to observe Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month and support the cause that so deeply impacts families in every community across our country.

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Alexis A. Hermosillo, Mayor