

PROCLAMATION OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Ovarian cancer is the fifth leading cause of death among women in the United States, and the American Cancer Society estimates that in 2026, approximately 21,010 women will be diagnosed with ovarian cancer and 12,450 will die from the disease nationwide, including an estimated 510 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; and

WHEREAS, due to vague symptoms and the lack of reliable early detection tests, most women are not diagnosed until Stage III or later, when the cancer has already begun to spread beyond the ovaries; and

WHEREAS, although the five-year survival rate for Stage I ovarian cancer is over 90 percent, only 15 percent of cases are diagnosed at this early stage. For those diagnosed in later stages, the five-year survival rate drops below 30 percent; and

WHEREAS, while screening tools such as mammograms and Pap tests exist for breast and cervical cancers, no equivalent screening test exists for ovarian cancer, making awareness of symptoms and risk factors essential for early intervention; and

WHEREAS, increased public education about ovarian cancer can help save lives by promoting earlier diagnosis, supporting access to gynecologic oncology care, and encouraging research funding for better detection and treatment options; and

WHEREAS, during the month of September, the City of El Mirage, AZ, joins survivors, families, healthcare professionals, advocacy organizations, and all those committed to raising awareness, remembering lives lost, and offering hope for a future with better outcomes and ultimately, a cure.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Alexis A. Hermosillo, do hereby proclaim **September 2026** as **OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH** in the City of El Mirage, Arizona, and encourage all residents to participate in awareness activities, wear teal in support, and engage in conversations that help save lives and support the thousands of families affected by this devastating disease.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of El Mirage, AZ to be affixed on the 1st of September 2026.



Alexis A. Hermosillo, Mayor