

# City of Flagstaff – Office of the Mayor

## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Ovarian cancer is the fifth leading cause of cancer-related death among women in the United States, and the American Cancer Society estimates that in 2025 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**, in the United States, a woman’s lifetime risk of being diagnosed with ovarian cancer is about 1 in 91; and her lifetime risk of dying from the disease is approximately 1 in 143; and

**WHEREAS**, due to vague, nonspecific symptoms and the absence 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 exceeds 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

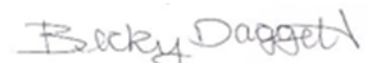
**WHEREAS**, while screening tools such as mammograms and Pap tests exist for breast and cervical cancers, no equivalent screening test exists for ovarian cancer, making awareness of symptoms and risk factors essential for early intervention; and

**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**, this month, **The City of Flagstaff**, joins all those who are battling ovarian cancer, those who have lost their lives, their families and caregivers, and our dedicated healthcare professionals-in raising awareness, promoting education, and fostering hope for earlier diagnoses, improved treatments, and ultimately a cure.

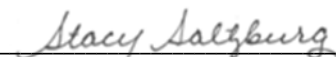
**NOW THEREFORE, I, BECKY DAGGETT, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA**, encourage all residents to participate in awareness activities and engage in conversations that help save lives and support the families affected by this devastating disease. I do hereby proclaim September 2025, as

## Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month



MAYOR

ATTEST:



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