

Proclamation

Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month September 2025



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, 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, nonspecific symptoms and the absence of a reliable early detection test, the majority of women are diagnosed at Stage III or later, when the cancer has already 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, during this month, the City of Tolleson joins all those affected by ovarian cancer — those currently battling, 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, Juan F. Rodriguez, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tolleson, Arizona, do hereby proclaim September 2025 as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month in the City of Tolleson, 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.



Juan F. Rodriguez, Mayor

ATTEST:

Crystal Zamora, City Clerk