

Proclamation

World Ovarian Cancer Day
May 8, 2019

Whereas: The Canadian Cancer Society estimates that 2800 females were diagnosed with Ovarian Cancer in Canada in 2018 and that an estimated 1800 of females died from the disease. In NL there will be 40-45 females diagnosed and 32 will die from Ovarian cancer.

Whereas: The American Cancer society estimated new cases in 2019 that 22,530 females will be diagnosed with Ovarian Cancer in the United States and an estimated 13,980 females will die from this disease.

Whereas: Ovarian Cancer is the most fatal gynecological cancer in the world and yet the survival rate of females diagnosed with Ovarian Cancer has not changed in 50 years. Currently, more than 600,000 females around the world are living with Ovarian cancer, and 230,000 more will be diagnosed each year.

Whereas: Early detection of the disease remains the best way to save lives, however, there is no reliable screening test for Ovarian Cancer. Symptoms include abdominal pressure or bloating, digestive problems, excessive fatigue, frequent urination and changes in bowel habit. Ovarian cancer can also affect a female of any age, including children. The youngest presently is 2 years old, diagnosed at stage 3 Ovarian cancer.

Whereas: The WOMEN OF HOPE OVARIAN CANCER NL group was created in 2016 and now has over 2300 members worldwide. The group's mandate is to offer support for affected females, their families and friends and to raise Awareness for Ovarian Cancer and encourage the TEAL movement.

Therefore: Be it resolved that I, Sheilagh O'Leary, Acting Mayor of the City of St. John's, NL do hereby proclaim May 8th as World Ovarian Cancer Day.

Sheilagh O'Leary, Acting Mayor

Susan Glynn, Founder
Women of Hope
Ovarian Cancer NL

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