

Proclamation

WHEREAS: ovarian cancer, the fifth most common cause of cancer fatality in the United States, is a serious and under-recognized threat to women's health across New Jersey and the nation; and

WHEREAS: there will be an estimated 25,000 new cases of ovarian cancer diagnosed in the United States and an estimated 16,000 deaths of women already stricken by ovarian cancer in 2008. Ovarian cancer causes more deaths than any other cancer of the female reproductive system; and

WHEREAS: ovarian cancer is treatable when detected early, before it has spread beyond the ovaries, and at this state the 5-year survival rate can be 95%. There is no screening test currently for the early detection of ovarian cancer; and

WHEREAS: increased public awareness of this disease, its risk factors and its subtle symptoms may save lives as women across New Jersey and their doctors learn to recognize the warning signs of ovarian cancer, which are often the only early indication of illness; and

WHEREAS: increased awareness of the symptoms and risk factors of ovarian cancer will enhance chances of early detection and survival from the disease; and

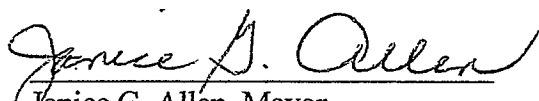
WHEREAS: the Northern New Jersey National Ovarian Cancer Coalition will promote ovarian cancer awareness activities during the month of September and encourage every New Jersey woman to be educated about the symptoms and risk factors of ovarian cancer; and

WHEREAS: more ovarian cancer research can help to develop reliable diagnostics, better therapies and prevention strategies thereby offering women in New Jersey each year the opportunity to win their battle for life against this most deadly of all gynecologic cancers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that I, **Janice G. Allen**, Mayor of the Borough of North Plainfield, do hereby proclaim the month of September as

OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in the Borough of North Plainfield, and urge all employees and residents to raise their level of awareness and to become better educated on the subject of ovarian cancer.


Janice G. Allen, Mayor
August 21, 2008

