

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** ovarian cancer is the fifth leading cause of cancer deaths of women in the United States and causes more deaths than any other gynecologic cancer; and

**WHEREAS,** the five-year survival rate for ovarian cancer varies greatly depending on the stage of diagnosis; and

**WHEREAS,** the lack of an early detection test for ovarian cancer combined with its vague symptoms mean that approximately 80 percent of cases of ovarian cancer are detected at an advanced stage; and

**WHEREAS,** improved awareness of the symptoms and genetic risks of ovarian cancer by the public and health care providers can lead to a quicker diagnosis; and

**WHEREAS,** each year during the month of September, Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance (OCRA) and community partner organizations hold a number of events to increase public awareness of ovarian cancer and its symptoms.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Jordan Hess, Mayor of the City of Missoula, in the State of Montana, hereby recognize the month of September, 2023 as:

## OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the City of Missoula, in the State of Montana, to be affixed at Missoula, Montana, this 28th day of August, in the year two thousand twenty-three.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jordan Hess".

Jordan Hess  
Mayor