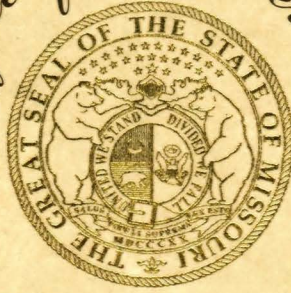


Office of the Governor



State of Missouri

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, ovarian cancer is the fifth leading cause of cancer deaths in women in the United States, accounting for more deaths than any other cancer of the female reproductive system; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, a women's lifetime risk of being diagnosed with ovarian cancer is about one in seventy-eight; and

WHEREAS, ovarian cancer is more treatable when detected early, but detection is often difficult because symptoms are easily confused with other diseases and because no reliable, easily administered screening tool exists; and

WHEREAS, symptoms may include abdominal pressure or bloating, persistent digestive problems, excessive fatigue, and sometimes abnormal bleeding; and

WHEREAS, recognizing September as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month is an important first step to raising critical awareness and is a reminder to Missouri women to know their risk factors, to listen to their bodies, and to advocate for their health; and

WHEREAS, ongoing investments in ovarian cancer research, education, and awareness efforts are critical to closing these gaps and improving survivorship for women with ovarian cancer.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael L. Parson, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim September 2024 to be

OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in Missouri, and encourage all Missourians to learn more about the disease and the importance of early detection, as this can save lives and protect the health and well-being of countless women.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 26th day of August, 2024.



Michael L. Parson

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GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Jay Ashcraft

SECRETARY OF STATE