

Senate Resolution 868

By: Senators Davenport of the 44th, James of the 35th, Sims of the 12th, Seay of the 34th,
Anderson of the 43rd and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing September 2024 as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society estimates that 19,680 cases of ovarian cancer will
3 be newly diagnosed in 2024, including 620 new cases in Georgia alone; and
- 4 WHEREAS, ovarian cancer mainly develops in older women with about half of the women
5 who are diagnosed being 63 years or older, and it is more common in White women than
6 Black women; and
- 7 WHEREAS, some early cancers may have signs and symptoms that can be noticed, and
8 catching cancer early often allows for more treatment options, but that is not always the case
9 with ovarian cancer because the symptoms are often vague and no early detection test exists;
10 and
- 11 WHEREAS, the five-year survival rate from ovarian cancer is only 50 percent, and survival
12 rates vary greatly depending on the stage of diagnosis; and
- 13 WHEREAS, unfortunately, there are currently no effective diagnostic tools for screening for
14 ovarian cancer; and

15 WHEREAS, increasing awareness among patients and health care providers alike regarding
16 ovarian cancer is a key component in safeguarding women's health; and

17 WHEREAS, everyone is encouraged to promote additional awareness by using social media
18 to spread the word by using the hashtags #ovariancancerawarenessmonth or #ocam,
19 especially during the month of September; and

20 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper to recognize the Ovarian Cancer Research
21 Alliance (OCRA) and Georgia's Advocates for their outstanding efforts to bring ovarian
22 cancer awareness and education to the State of Georgia to help reduce late stage diagnoses
23 and hopefully someday prevent ovarian cancer.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
25 recognize September 2024 as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month and encourage support for
26 all women at risk of or diagnosed with ovarian cancer as well as other cancers.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
28 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Georgia Chapter
29 of the Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance, the public, and the press.