



PUBLIC INFORMATION

ITEM NO. 1.

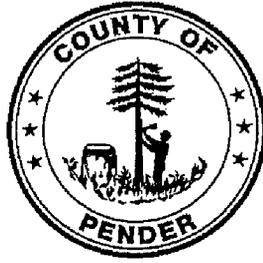
DATE OF MEETING: September 20, 2010

REQUESTED BY: Margaret Knoerzer

SHORT TITLE: Proclamation by the Pender County Board of Commissioners Designating the Month of September as 2010 Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month.

BACKGROUND: The proclamation has been requested by Margaret Knoerzer, a Pender High School Senior who is promoting education on this topic through her English Department as a component of her Graduation Project.

SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED: The Board is requested to review and approve the proclamation.



SEPTEMBER IS OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, ovarian cancer is the deadliest of all gynecological cancers and is the fifth leading cause of cancer-related death among women; and

WHEREAS, historically, ovarian cancer was referred to as the "Silent Killer because symptoms were not thought to develop until the chance of cure was poor; and

WHEREAS, recent studies have shown this to be untrue and that the following symptoms are much more likely to occur in women with ovarian cancer than women in the general population:

- Bloating
- Pelvic or abdominal pain
- Urinary urgency or frequency
- Difficulty eating or feeling full quickly; and

WHEREAS, each year more than 21,000 women are diagnosed with ovarian cancer and about 15,000 women die of this disease; and

WHEREAS, survival rates for women diagnosed in stages I and II are much higher than for those diagnosed in later stages, and fewer than 20% of ovarian cancer patients are diagnosed early; and

WHEREAS, the chance of recurrence is 75% and the relative five year survival rate is 46%; and

WHEREAS, the mortality rates for ovarian cancer have not improved in thirty years, despite those rates being markedly reduced in other cancers; and

WHEREAS, it is vitally important to make all the women in our lives aware of these facts so they are able to take action early and receive the best possible outcome; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PENDER COUNTY that the month of September, 2010 is officially designated as ***Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month*** in Pender County, and call upon the people of Pender County to observe this month with appropriate educational outreach and programs to inform and enlighten the women of our community to be vigilant.

This 20th day of September, 2010.

Jimmy T. Tate, Chairman

ATTEST:

Rick Benton, Clerk to the Board