



National Lieutenant Governors Association

Resolution in Support of Ovarian Cancer Disease and Awareness

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- 2 **WHEREAS**, ovarian cancer is the deadliest of all female reproductive system cancers, and
- 3 **WHEREAS**, the American Cancer Society estimates approximately 22,530 women newly diagnosed with
4 ovarian cancer in 2019, and approximately 13,980 deaths, and
- 5 **WHEREAS**, approximately 50 percent of new cases of ovarian cancer are diagnosed in women over 63
6 years of age, with women between 25 and 54 years of age accounting for approximately 25 percent of the
7 cases, and
- 8 **WHEREAS**, one in 78 women will be diagnosed with ovarian cancer during her lifetime, and
- 9 **WHEREAS**, if the disease is detected at its earliest state (Stage 1), the five-year survival rate is more than
10 92 percent, and
- 11 **WHEREAS**, most new cases of ovarian cancer are diagnosed at Stage 3 or later, meaning the cancer has
12 already begun to spread to the lymph nodes and outside of the pelvis, and
- 13 **WHEREAS**, ovarian cancer is difficult to detect early, there is no simple and reliable way to screen for
14 this disease, symptoms are often not clear until later stages, and most women are diagnosed without being
15 at high risk, and
- 16 **WHEREAS**, it is imperative for all women to pay attention to their bodies, and notify healthcare providers
17 about any unexplained abnormalities, such as abdominal pain, pressure, and swelling, and
- 18 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the National Lieutenant Governors Association
19 recognizes the hardship that ovarian cancer brings to people and families across the country, and supports
20 efforts for earlier diagnosis and access to treatment to improve health outcomes for women.
- 21 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that NLGA recognizes all those committed to advancing the fight
22 against ovarian cancer through research, advocacy and quality care, with a renewed commitment to a
23 future free from all cancer forms.

ADOPTED, this day, the 29th of July, 2020.

Sponsors: Lt. Governor Pamela Evette (R – South Carolina), Lt. Governor Garlin Gilchrist (D – Michigan), Lt. Governor Dianne Primavera (D – Colorado)