

111<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# S. RES. 555

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Ovarian Cancer Awareness  
Month.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 16, 2010

Ms. STABENOW (for herself, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. SPECTER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BAYH, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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## RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Ovarian Cancer  
Awareness Month.

Whereas ovarian cancer is the deadliest of all gynecologic  
cancers;

Whereas ovarian cancer is the 5th leading cause of cancer  
deaths among women in the United States;

Whereas more than 22,000 women will be diagnosed with  
ovarian cancer this year, and more than 15,000 will die  
from it;

Whereas these deaths are those of our mothers, sisters,  
daughters, family members, and community leaders;

Whereas the mortality rate for ovarian cancer has not significantly decreased since the “War on Cancer” was declared, nearly 40 years ago;

Whereas all women are at risk for ovarian cancer, and 90 percent of women diagnosed with ovarian cancer do not have a family history that puts them at higher risk;

Whereas the Pap test is sensitive and specific to the early detection of cervical cancer, but not to ovarian cancer;

Whereas there is currently no reliable early detection test for ovarian cancer;

Whereas many people are unaware that the symptoms of ovarian cancer often include bloating, pelvic or abdominal pain, difficulty eating or feeling full quickly, urinary symptoms, and several other symptoms that are easily confused with other diseases;

Whereas in June 2007, the first national consensus statement on ovarian cancer symptoms was developed to provide consistency in describing symptoms to make it easier for women to learn and remember them;

Whereas, due to the lack of a reliable early detection test, 75 percent of cases of ovarian cancer are detected at an advanced stage, making the overall 5-year survival rate only 45 percent;

Whereas there are factors that are known to reduce the risk for ovarian cancer and that play an important role in the prevention of the disease;

Whereas awareness of the symptoms of ovarian cancer by women and health care providers can lead to a quicker diagnosis;

Whereas, each year during the month of September, the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance and its partner members holds a number of events to increase public awareness of ovarian cancer; and

Whereas September 2010 should be designated as “National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month” to increase the awareness of the public regarding the cancer: Now, therefore, be it

- 1       *Resolved*, That the Senate supports the goals and
- 2 ideals of National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month.

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