

Proclamation

Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month

- WHEREAS: Ovarian cancer causes more deaths than any cancer of the female reproductive system; and
- WHEREAS: In women ages 35-74, ovarian cancer is the fifth leading cause of cancer-related death; and
- WHEREAS: Every woman is at risk for ovarian cancer, regardless of age, heritage, or medical history; and
- WHEREAS: Diagnosis of ovarian cancer often does not occur until it has reached an advanced stage, making it the most deadly of all cancers of all gynecological cancers; and
- WHEREAS: According to the American Cancer Society, an estimated 21,980 women in the United States will be diagnosed this year with ovarian cancer and an estimated 14,270 women with the disease will die; and
- WHEREAS: Because of the late diagnosis, 45 percent of women diagnosed with ovarian cancer die within five years; and
- WHEREAS: Ovarian cancer is treatable when detected early. More than 92 percent of women survive longer than five years if the disease is detected and treated properly before it has spread beyond the ovaries; and
- WHEREAS: Relatively little is known about ovarian cancer and more research is needed to develop prevention strategies, early detection tools, better therapies, and cures; and
- WHEREAS: Women's lives will be saved by raising public awareness about ovarian cancer and educating doctors and women about the symptoms of the disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Don Keil, Mayor of Seguin do hereby proclaim the month of September to be **OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH** in the City of Seguin, Texas in honor of the *Teal Toes* ovarian cancer public awareness campaign.

Signed this 27th day of August 2014



Don Keil, Mayor