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THIRD READING

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Bill No: SR 56  
Author: Weber Pierson (D), et al.  
Introduced: 7/16/25  
Vote: Majority

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**SUBJECT:** Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month of 2025

**SOURCE:** Author

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**DIGEST:** This resolution proclaims the month of September 2025 as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month.

**ANALYSIS:** This resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) In 2025, the American Cancer Society estimates approximately 20,890 women will receive a new diagnosis for ovarian cancer, and approximately 12,730 women will die from ovarian cancer in the United States. Approximately 70% of the newly diagnosed women are over 55 years of age.
- 2) Ovarian cancer continues to cast a long and painful shadow over countless families, stealing the lives of mothers, daughters, sisters, and friends far too soon, and leaving in its wake a legacy of loss and grief.
- 3) Ovarian cancer makes up only 2.5% of all female cancer cases, yet it causes 5% of cancer deaths due to its low survival rate. Early detection offers the greatest hope for survival, yet ovarian cancer remains one of the most difficult cancers to diagnose at an early stage. There is no simple and reliable way to screen for this disease, symptoms are often not clear until later stages, and most women are diagnosed without being at high risk.
- 4) Ovarian cancer not only threatens lives, but also places emotional, physical, and financial burdens on families and communities across our state. This September, our state stands with everyone who has been touched by this disease, and we recognize all those committed to advancing the fight against this cancer through research, advocacy, and quality care. Together, let us renew our commitment to reducing the impact of ovarian cancer and to a future free from cancer in all its forms.

This resolution proclaims the month of September 2025 as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** Appropriation: No Fiscal Com.: No Local: No

**SUPPORT:** (Verified 8/19/25)

None received

**OPPOSITION:** (Verified 8/19/25)

None received

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