

**PROCLAMATION  
Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month**

**Whereas**, Ovarian cancer is the 5<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death among women and the American Cancer Society estimates that in 2023 approximately 19,680 women were diagnosed with ovarian cancer and 12,740 individuals died from the disease nationwide; and

**Whereas**, in the United States, a woman's lifetime risk of being diagnosed with ovarian cancer is about 1 in 87; and

**Whereas**, due to vague symptoms and the lack of reliable early detection tests, most women are not diagnosed until Stage III or later, when the cancer has already begun to spread to the lymph nodes and outside of the pelvis; and

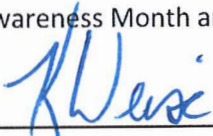
**Whereas**, although the five-year survival rate for Stage I ovarian cancer is over 90 percent, only 15 percent of ovarian cancers are diagnosed at this early stage, and the five-year survival rate for late-stage ovarian cancer is below 30 percent; and

**Whereas**, while a mammogram can detect breast cancer and a pap smear can detect cervical cancer, there is no reliable early detection test for ovarian cancer; and

**Whereas**, women's lives can be saved through increased public awareness of ovarian cancer and its risk factors, signs, and symptoms; and

**Whereas**, the City of Avondale joins all those who are battling ovarian cancer, those who have lost their lives to the disease, their loved ones, and our state's many dedicated healthcare workers in spreading awareness, committing to public education, and embracing hope for better diagnoses, treatments, and a cure.

**NOW THEREFORE**, Mayor and Council of the City of Avondale, Arizona, do hereby proclaim September 2024 as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month in the City of Avondale, Arizona, and we encourage all residents to observe Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month and support the cause that so deeply impacts families in every community across our country.



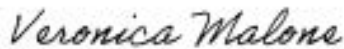
Mayor Weise



Vice Mayor Pineda



Council Member Conde



Council Member Malone



Council Member Nielson



Council Member Solorio



Council Member White



Attest: City Clerk