
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE HAWAII CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY AND
OTHER LOCAL HEALTH CARE AGENCIES TO INFORM CLIENTS OF THE
COMMON SYMPTOMS OF OVARIAN CANCER.

1 WHEREAS, ovarian cancer is the eighth most common cancer in
2 women and accounts for more deaths than any other cancer of the
3 female reproductive system; and
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5 WHEREAS, statistics show that when ovarian cancer is
6 diagnosed early, the chance for a cure is much greater; and
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8 WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society estimates there will
9 be 22,430 new cases of ovarian cancer in 2007 in the United
10 States and an estimated 15,280 deaths from this disease; and
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12 WHEREAS, only 19 percent of ovarian cancers are discovered
13 before they have spread outside the ovaries; and
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15 WHEREAS, in the past ovarian cancer was known as a silent
16 killer, but that modern research has shown that perception to be
17 incorrect; and
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19 WHEREAS, a joint statement released in June of 2007 by the
20 American Cancer Society, the Gynecologic Cancer Foundation, and
21 the Society of Gynecologic Oncologists, recent medical studies
22 show identifiable symptoms often do exist for ovarian cancer,
23 even in the early stages; and
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25 WHEREAS, the most common symptoms of ovarian cancer have
26 been identified as:
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28 (1) Bloating;

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30 (2) Pelvic or abdominal pain;
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- 1 (3) Trouble eating or feeling full quickly; and
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- 3 (4) Urinary symptoms, such as urgent or frequent feelings
- 4 of needing to go;
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8 WHEREAS, medical experts recommend that while these same

9 symptoms are known to occur with many different types of

10 illnesses, if there is an unusual occurrence or frequency of

11 occurrences or if they last for more than a few weeks, they

12 should prompt a woman to see a doctor, preferably a

13 gynecologist; now, therefore,

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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the

16 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular

17 Session of 2008, that the Hawaii Chapter of the American Cancer

18 Society and local health care agencies are urged to inform their

19 clients of the common symptoms of ovarian cancer to increase the

20 chance of early detection and successful treatment; and

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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this

23 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health, Chairperson

24 of the American Cancer Society - Hawaii Pacific, and President

25 and Chief Executive Officer of the Healthcare Association of

26 Hawaii.

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