

WHEREAS, Early detection of ovarian cancer approaches a 95% survival rate, however, only 25% of all cases are diagnosed at this stage; and

WHEREAS, Because there is currently no effective, easy-to-use means of early detection for ovarian cancer, knowledge, understanding, and an awareness of the disease and its symptoms are every woman's best defense against ovarian cancer; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the month of September in each year is designated as "Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month"; and be it further

RESOLVED, That public health agencies are urged to develop strategies, pamphlets, public service announcements, presentations, and a coordinated campaign to increase public awareness and knowledge regarding this virulent disease; and be it further

RESOLVED, That hospitals, health care providers, service organizations, newspapers, advertisers, schools, and individuals are encouraged to participate fully in this struggle to save lives through public education regarding ovarian cancer; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of Legislative Services to the Honorable Parris N. Glendening, Governor of Maryland; the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and the Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr., Speaker of the House of Delegates; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of Legislative Services to Secretary Georges C. Benjamin, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, 201 West Preston Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201; and to Charles Leiss, Chief Executive Officer, The American Cancer Society, Mid-Atlantic Division, Inc., 8219 Town Center Drive, P.O. Box 43025, Baltimore, Maryland 21236.

Signed May 16, 2002.

Joint Resolution No. 23

(House Joint Resolution No. 8)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

Memorializing Fallen Firefighters

FOR the purpose of memorializing fallen firefighters by lowering the American flag and the Maryland State flag to half-staff in honor of the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

WHEREAS, 1,200,000 men and women comprise the American fire and emergency services; and