

Subject: Board of Supervisors Declares September Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month in OC

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OC SUPERVISORS PROCLAIM OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH IN O.C.

The statistics are grim. An estimated 21,650 women will be diagnosed with ovarian cancer this year, and approximately 15,520 will die from it. It is the deadliest of the gynecologic cancers. That's why the Ovarian Cancer Orange County Alliance sought the help of the Orange County Board of Supervisors in declaring September 2008 as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month in Orange County.

OCOCA Board Members **Linda Dannels** and **Ellen Winters Miller** spearheaded the drive to bring greater awareness of ovarian cancer to the public. Dannels and Miller, along with OCOCA president and founder, **Laura Stecher**, were present for the resolution vote and expressed their gratitude to the Supervisors for this historic recognition.

Notes **Stecher**, "We're delighted that the Board of Supervisors acknowledged the seriousness of the ovarian cancer threat and the need for education and awareness on the part of the public. We're proud that Orange County now joins other counties and states throughout the country who have taken this significant step."

The Ovarian Cancer Orange County Alliance (OCOCA) is a volunteer, nonprofit advocacy group that promotes education and awareness of Ovarian Cancer. During September, OCOCA distributes comfort bags to women in treatment and promotes awareness through a number of community involvement programs.

For more information, visit www.ovarianoc.org or phone **714/974-0697**.

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