



# Proclamation

To recognize September 2016 as Cancer Awareness and Prevention Month  
and as Ovarian Cancer Month

**WHEREAS**, each September American call attention to a disease that affects men, women and children across our City, state and country. We renew our commitment to curing cancer and offer our support to the people fighting this disease, and

**WHEREAS**, women with ovarian cancer, families, caregivers, foundations and research groups across the United States are also observing September as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month to memorialize the lives of grandmothers, mothers, aunts, sisters, and daughters that were taken too soon, and honor the survivors who face chronic health challenges; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Cancer Society estimates that there are more than 1.15 million cancer survivors in Florida and that more than 115,000 Floridians will be diagnosed with cancer this year; and

**WHEREAS**, ovarian cancer is the leading cause of death among all gynecological cancers in women and the fifth related cause of cancer deaths in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, cancer often goes undetected until advanced stages, therefor increasing awareness of risk factors and screening is critical to fighting this disease. Screening tests can often find some forms of cancer early, when treatments are more likely to be successful; and

**WHEREAS**, this month we pay tribute to the healthcare professionals, researchers, private philanthropies, advocacy, and support groups who collaborate to bring awareness and provide hope and support to patients and their families affected by cancer and make vital contributions to the ongoing search for early diagnosis and a cure; and

**WHEREAS**, this month is dedicated to cancer awareness and prevention, it is also to honor those lost to cancer, show our support for those who bravely carry on the fight, and take action to lessen the tragic toll cancer takes on families across our county.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Lake Alfred formally recognize September 2016 as

**"Cancer Awareness and Prevention Month" and "Ovarian Cancer Month"**

in the City of Lake Alfred and urges all citizens to rededicate themselves to the urgent work of increasing awareness, prevention and care for those with cancer. Citizens can also wear the color teal to show their commitment to fight ovarian cancer by encouraging research.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunder set my hand this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016.

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Charles O. Lake, Mayor  
City of Lake Alfred, Florida