<u>A PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER AS</u> OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, ovarian cancer claims more women's lives than any other gynecological cancer; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society estimates that in 2021 over 21,410 women will be diagnosed with ovarian cancer and approximately 13,770 will perish from the disease; and

WHEREAS, ovarian cancer is difficult to detect and women are often not diagnosed until the disease has reached an advanced stage; and

WHEREAS, early diagnosis of ovarian cancer can increase the survival rate to as high as ninety four percent; and

WHEREAS, certain factors can reduce the risk of ovarian cancer and play an important role in its prevention; and

WHEREAS, awareness and early detection of ovarian cancer is the best means of protecting women's lives from this disease; and

WHEREAS, the Board further wishes to recognize and honor the thousands of women who battle valiantly against the disease and to further encourage them in their daily struggles.

NOW, THEREFORE, in commendation of all the women and their families fighting the disease, the Board hereby proclaims September 2021 as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month in Sycamore Township and the Board calls upon all citizens, agencies, organizations, health care providers and research institutions to raise ovarian cancer awareness and continue helping Americans live longer, healthier lives.

PASSED, unanimously this 7th day of September, 2021.

Thomas C. James, Jr., Chairman

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Thomas J. Weldman, Trustee

ATTEST

Robert C. Porter III, Fiscal Officer