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Raising awareness to the symptoms of gynecologic cancers is a very important mission and could ultimately save women’s lives. Three Birmingham organizations — the CanSurvive GYN Cancer Support Group, the Laura Crandall Brown Ovarian Cancer Foundation, and the Norma Livingston Ovarian Cancer Foundation — are partnering to do just that with their “A State of Teal” campaign. The campaign is taking place in September, which is National Gynecologic Cancer Awareness Month.

“A State of Teal” is designed to raise awareness of GYN cancers, the impact of these cancers on Alabamians, and the need for research and improved screening tests. On September 2, 2014, there will be an awareness event in the banquet room of Regions Field. The event will begin at 6:00 p.m. with food, mingling and music provided by the MAKing a Difference Band. Those who have been instrumental in the areas of research, support and awareness will address attendees beginning at 6:45. Everyone will witness the teal lighting of the BIRMINGHAM sign at Regions Field as well as the Birmingham skyline which will be lit in teal by participating buildings. Ticket price for the event is \$20 and the first 150 people to purchase tickets will be provided with a free t-shirt commemorating A State of Teal 2014.

Among those attending will be members of these organizations, along with mayors and representatives of municipalities in and around the Birmingham area, supporting businesses and sponsors, physicians, GYN cancer survivors, families whose loved ones were affected by GYN cancer, and citizens from across Alabama. The public is invited to attend.

Governor Robert Bentley will proclaim September as our state’s Gynecologic Cancer Awareness Month. Additional proclamations are being issued by cities across Alabama.

The Alabama State Capitol in Montgomery will be also lit in teal on September 2nd to commemorate Gynecologic Cancer Awareness Day. Companies, venues, and organizations statewide are lighting up their buildings in teal to raise awareness. Many who are participating will continue to light their properties in teal for an entire week or the whole month of September.

Visit our website at www.AStateOfTeal.org for more information regarding ticket purchase and to view a list of all participating buildings and municipalities.

Additional resources may be found on Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/AStateOfTeal>) and Twitter (<http://twitter.com/AStateOfTeal>).

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