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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. This initiative



will be "kicked off" by **A State of Teal Lighting and GYN Cancer Awareness Ceremony** to be held at Regions Field in the third floor banquet room beginning at 6:00 on **Tuesday, September 2, 2014.** All media are encouraged and invited to attend to provide coverage of this event thereby spreading awareness to these diseases.

"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 August 25, 2014, the City of Vestavia will issue a proclamation declaring September as GYN Cancer Awareness Month. Present to accept the proclamation will be Jennifer Smiley and Doris Moody, A State of Teal Committee members. The proclamation will be presented at the council meeting which is scheduled to begin at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers which is located on the 513 Montgomery Highway in Vestavia.

In addition to proclaiming September as GYN Cancer Awareness Month, the Dogwood Arch will be lit in teal during September.

Visit our website at <u>www.AStateOfTeal.org</u> for more information to view a list of all participating buildings and municipalities.

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

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