A PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEPTEMBER AS OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH IN THE TOWN OF FLETCHER

WHEREAS, ovarian cancer is the fifth leading cause of cancer-related deaths among women, profoundly impacting patients, caregivers, and families across our nation and within our own community; and

WHEREAS, public awareness is vital, as there is currently no reliable early detection screening test for ovarian cancer, making knowledge of its subtle symptoms—such as bloating, pelvic pain, difficulty eating, and urinary urgency—the most effective defense; and

WHEREAS, the dedication of advocates, including local survivors and leadership from the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition (NOCC), plays a critical role in educating the public, supporting patients, and honoring the memory of the family members and friends we have lost to this disease; and

WHEREAS, 19-year survivor and NOCC Vice Chair, Debbie Robbins, resides in our community and exemplifies the strength of our citizens and the vital importance of early detection, timely medical care, and continued research; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Fletcher stands united with survivors, families, and medical professionals to raise awareness and improve health outcomes for all women;

NOW, THEREFORE, I Preston Blakely, Mayor of the Town of Fletcher, do hereby proclaim September as **OVARIAN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH** in our community, and urge all citizens to wear teal, learn the symptoms, and support the fight against this disease.

This the 14th day of September 2026.

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ATTEST: Mayor Preston Blakely

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Christine Thompson MMC, NCCMC
Town Clerk