

**PROCLAMATION NAMING JANUARY  
FIRE FIGHTER CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

- Whereas **NAME** Fire fighters serve our community by putting our safety above their own, and
- Whereas Fire fighters often work in a toxic environment of smoke, soot and other carcinogens, and
- Whereas According to research, fire fighters have a 9% greater chance of being diagnosed with cancer and a 14% greater chance of dying from cancer than the general population, and
- Whereas Fire fighter occupational cancer is the leading cause of line-of-duty deaths in professional fire fighters and has reached epidemic levels;
- Whereas Studies have found a direct correlation between the chemical exposures fire fighters experience on the job and their increased risk for cancer, and
- Whereas Forty-nine states and 12 provinces recognize cancer as a presumptive workers' compensation claim for fire fighters, and
- Whereas Early detection of cancer through routine screening leads to earlier treatment, and better disease outcomes, including improved survival and reduced morbidity, and
- Whereas The International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) and the Firefighter Cancer Support Network (FCSN) have declared January as Fire Fighter Cancer Awareness Month, therefore be it
- Resolved That **CITY/STATE** declare January as Fire Fighter Cancer Awareness Month, and be it
- Resolved That the **NAME OF FIRE DEPARTMENT** be encouraged to participate in the activities and actions with the IAFF and FCSN as part of the Fire Fighter Cancer Awareness Month.