PROCLAMATION NAMING JANUARY 
FIRE FIGHTER CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Whereas 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.