

**Revised and Amended**  
**Resolution No. 21**  
**COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT: POLICY**  
**Re: Care Enough to Wear Pink Resolution**

WHEREAS, cancer affects millions of people all over the world, and the fact that there is a proven correlation between fire fighting and cancer, confirm both the need to eradicate the terrible disease and, until a cure is found, help alleviate the suffering of its victims; and

WHEREAS, in 2009 the American Cancer Society expected about 1,479,350 new cancers to be diagnosed in the U.S. This year about 562,340 Americans are expected to die of cancer, more than 1,500 people a day; and

WHEREAS, cancer is one of the deadliest diseases of them all, we need to come together to fight it, which means more of us who haven't been affected need to step up and lead the way. Therefore, fire fighters will don pink to show women that we care enough to wear their color; and

WHEREAS, fire fighters normally wear blue shirts 365 days a year, for three days we can wear pink, and give an image of hope and encouragement to those who fear being alone in their battle for life; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the International Association of Fire Fighters recognize, support, and encourage its members to participate in a local fundraising and awareness campaign such as the "Cancer Awareness

and Relief Effort” (C.A.R.E.) in honor of women fighting cancer. Each local may create its own union made pink shirts to wear for up to six days in early October (on duty if approved by its department), and sell to the public throughout the month of October. Each local will donate at least 50% of funds raised to women’s cancer organizations of its choice; the remaining funds will be used for our fire fighters and their dependents battling cancer including the “Fire Fighters Cancer Support Network.”

Submitted by: Texas State Association of Fire Fighters  
Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois  
Uniformed Professional Fire Fighters of Connecticut  
Kentucky Professional Fire Fighters  
Michigan Professional Fire Fighters Union  
Montana State Council of Fire Fighters  
New Mexico Professional Fire Fighters  
Professional Fire Fighters of Maine  
Professional Fire Fighters Association of New Jersey  
Iowa Professional Fire Fighters  
Professional Fire Fighters of New Hampshire  
Federated Fire Fighters of Wyoming  
Professional Fire Fighters Union of Indiana  
Nebraska Professional Fire Fighters Association  
Professional Fire Fighters Association of Alabama  
Professional Fire Fighters of Vermont  
Minnesota Professional Fire Fighters

Professional Fire Fighters of Louisiana  
Professional Fire Fighters of Nevada  
Professional Fire Fighters and Paramedics of  
North Carolina  
Professional Fire Fighters of Maryland  
Professional Fire Fighters of Georgia  
Professional Fire Fighters of West Virginia  
Professional Fire Fighters of Utah  
Professional Fire Fighters of Oklahoma  
Virginia Professional Fire Fighters  
Colorado Professional Fire Fighters  
Washington State Council of Fire Fighters  
New York State Professional Fire Fighters  
Tennessee Professional Fire Fighters  
Pennsylvania Professional Fire Fighters  
Professional Fire Fighters of Idaho  
Missouri State Council of Fire Fighters  
Ontario Professional Fire Fighters Association  
Professional Fire Fighters of Arizona  
Florida Professional Fire Fighters  
Professional Fire Fighters of North Dakota  
Oregon State Fire Fighters Council  
Professional Fire Fighters of Wisconsin

Cost Estimate: None

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt as Revised

**CONVENTION ACTION:** Adopted as Revised and Amended