

Revised Resolution No. 18

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT: Health & Safety

Re: Childhood Cancer Research

1 WHEREAS, Firefighting activities and equipment
2 are known to cause cancer in firefighter populations;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, the IAFF currently has a cancer
5 research fund dedicated to gathering evidence on
6 occupational cancer; and

7 WHEREAS, following the 56th IAFF Convention
8 General President Kelly has established a Cancer
9 Research Committee, which will determine the
10 cancer research fund's activities; and

11 WHEREAS, expanding our understanding of the
12 causes of occupational disease strengthens our ability
13 to prevent future occurrences and advocate for the
14 fair treatment of victims; and

15 WHEREAS, the children of firefighters have
16 recently been identified as potentially being at an
17 increased risk of cancer compared to the general
18 population; and

19 WHEREAS, research has confirmed a multifold
20 increase in birth defects in the children of
21 firefighters; and

22 WHEREAS, we currently do not have evidence of
23 a statistically significant population of the children of
24 firefighters or a causal link between firefighting and
25 cancer in our kin; and

26 WHEREAS, existing research shows significant

27 increases in cancer in the offspring of people
28 previously exposed to certain chemicals; and
29 WHEREAS, research confirming a causal link
30 between firefighting and cancer in offspring would
31 be grounds for claims and benefits similar to those
32 currently being fought and awarded to our members
33 that are victims of occupational disease; and

34 WHEREAS, without such benefits, our members,
35 their children, and their families may continue to
36 suffer due to work related illnesses; and

37 WHEREAS, research grants will facilitate the
38 collection of sufficient evidence to substantiate any
39 causal links between firefighters and cancer in our
40 Children; therefore be it

41 RESOLVED, That the Cancer Research
42 Committee allocate funding for research
43 aimed specifically at the prevalence, correlative
44 factors and causation of cancer and any adverse
45 health outcome in the children of IAFF members and
46 develop a registry of adverse health outcomes among
47 the children of IAFF members; and be it further

48 RESOLVED, That if adopted, this resolution be
49 Submitted to the IAFF 57th Convention in Boston,
50 MA for disposition; and be it further

51 RESOLVED, That ancillary costs are prohibited
52 (such as indirect costs, travel, lodging, etc.).

Submitted by: 2024 Canadian Policy Conference

Cost Estimate: **15 cents (\$0.15)**

Annual or Perpetual Designation: **Perpetual**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt as Revised

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