**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 Fifty states, 10 provinces, and three territories 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 Fire Fighter Cancer Awareness Month.