

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 10

Reps. Prestin, Alexander, Andrews, Aragona, BeGole, Bierlein, Bollin, Borton, Brabec, Breen, Byrnes, Tyrone Carter, Brenda Carter, Cavitt, Coffia, Conlin, DeBoer, De Boyer, Dievendorf, Edwards, Farhat, Filler, Fink, Fitzgerald, Fox, Glanville, Grant, Green, Greene, Haadsma, Harris, Hill, Hoadley, Kuhn, Kunse, Maddock, Markkanen, Martin, Martus, Meerman, Mentzer, Miller, Morgan, Morse, Mueller, Neeley, Neyer, Outman, Paiz, Pohutsky, Puri, Rheingans, Rigas, Rogers, Roth, Schmaltz, Schriver, Schuette, Scott, Shannon, Skaggs, Snyder, Steele, Stone, Tisdell, Tsernoglou, VanderWall, Weiss, Wilson, Wozniak and Young offered the following resolution:

- 1 A resolution to declare January 2023 as Fire Fighter Cancer
- 2 Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.
- 3 Whereas, Fire fighters serve our community by putting our

1 safety above their own; and

2 Whereas, Fire fighters often work in a toxic environment of
3 smoke, soot and other carcinogens; and

4 Whereas, According to research, fire fighters have a 9%
5 greater chance of being diagnosed with cancer and a 14% greater
6 chance of dying from cancer than the general population; and

7 Whereas, Fire fighter occupational cancer is a leading cause
8 of line-of-duty deaths in fire fighters and has reached epidemic
9 levels; and

10 Whereas, Studies have found a direct correlation between the
11 chemical exposures fire fighters experience on the job and their
12 increased risk for cancer; and

13 Whereas, Forty-nine states and 12 provinces recognize cancer
14 as a presumptive workers' compensation claim for fire fighters; and

15 Whereas, Early detection of cancer through routine screening
16 leads to earlier treatment, and better disease outcomes, including
17 improved survival and reduced morbidity; now, therefore, be it

18 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
19 this legislative body declare January 2023 as Fire Fighter Cancer
20 Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.