

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 208

Reps. Yaroch, Sabo, Breen, Bezotte, Haadsma, Sneller, Steenland, Weiss and Witwer offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare January 2022 as Fire Fighter Cancer
2 Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Fire fighters serve our community by putting our
4 safety above their own; and

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

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

10 Whereas, Fire fighter occupational cancer is a leading cause
11 of line-of-duty deaths in fire fighters and has reached epidemic

1 levels; and

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

5 Whereas, As of January 1, 2022, the State of Michigan has
6 extended cancer presumption to all firefighters and added three
7 forms of cancers to the list of covered cancers, making Michigan a
8 leading state in supporting firefighters with cancer; and

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

12 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
13 this legislative body declare January 2022 as Fire Fighter Cancer
14 Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.