

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 10

Rep. Prestin 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
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
12 levels; and

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

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

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

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