

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.12

Reps. Yaroach, Brabec, Breen, Cherry, Haadsma, Sabo, Steckloff  
and Thanedar offered the following resolution:

1       A resolution to declare January 2021 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

1 of line-of-duty deaths in fire fighters and has reached epidemic  
2 levels;

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

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

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

11       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
12 this legislative body declare January 2021 as Fire Fighter Cancer  
13 Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.