

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.12

Rep. Yaroch 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  
11 of line-of-duty deaths in fire fighters and has reached epidemic

1 levels;

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

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

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