

**PROCLAMATION NAMING JANUARY  
FIRE FIGHTER CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

- Whereas** City of Crossville fire fighters serve our community by putting our safety above their own, and
- Whereas** Fire fighters often work in a toxic environment of smoke, soot, and other carcinogens, and
- Whereas** According to research, fire fighters have a 9% greater chance of being diagnosed with cancer and a 14% greater chance of dying from cancer than the general population, and
- Whereas** Fire fighter occupational cancer is the leading cause of line-of-duty deaths in professional fire fighters and has reached epidemic levels;
- Whereas** Studies have found a direct correlation between the chemical exposures fire fighters experience on the job and their increased risk for cancer, and
- Whereas** Fifty states, 10 provinces, and one territory recognize cancer as a presumptive workers' compensation claim for fire fighters, and
- Whereas** Early detection of cancer through routine screening leads to earlier treatment, and better disease outcomes, including improved survival and reduced morbidity, and
- Whereas** The International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) and the Firefighter Cancer Support Network (FCSN) have declared January as Fire Fighter Cancer Awareness Month, therefore be it
- Resolved** That Crossville, Tennessee declare January as Fire Fighter Cancer Awareness Month, and be it
- Resolved** That the Crossville Fire Department be encouraged to participate in the activities and actions with the IAFF and FCSN as part of Fire Fighter Cancer Awareness Month.

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