

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 208

Reps. Yaroch, Sabo and Breen 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  
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, As of January 1, 2022, the State of Michigan has  
5 extended cancer presumption to all firefighters and added three  
6 forms of cancers to the list of covered cancers, making Michigan a  
7 leading state in supporting firefighters with cancer; 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 2022 as Fire Fighter Cancer  
13 Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.