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**PROCLAIMING JANUARY AS FIREFIGHTER CANCER AWARENESS MONTH IN
LOS ANGELES COUNTY**

The month of January is designated as Fire Fighter Cancer Awareness Month to provide fire fighters the necessary tools and guidance to develop life-saving protocols for cancer prevention and to support those with a cancer diagnosis within their departments. Fire fighters serve our communities by putting our safety above their own but they often work in a toxic environment of smoke, soot and other carcinogens. 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. Fire fighter occupational cancer is the leading cause of line-of-duty deaths in fire fighters and has reached epidemic levels. Studies have found a direct correlation between the chemical exposures fire fighters experience on the job and their increased risk for cancer.

Early detection of cancer through routine screening leads to earlier treatment, and better disease outcomes, including improved survival and reduced morbidity. Therefore, it is important that we recognize and bring awareness to occupational cancer in fire service to help fire fighters reduce their risk of exposure and to support those who have been diagnosed.

I-WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors proclaim January 2023 as Firefighter Cancer Awareness Month in Los Angeles County.

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