

Proclamation

City of Mission



WHEREAS, City of Mission 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; and

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, Forty-nine states and 12 provinces 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, We the City Council of the City of Mission, do hereby proclaim the month of January as:

"FIRE FIGHTER CANCER AWARENESS MONTH"

In the City of Mission and encourage the CITY OF MISSION FIRE DEPARTMENT to participate in the activities and actions with the IAFF and FCSN as part of the Fire Fighter Cancer Awareness Month.

PROCLAIMED on this the 8th day of January, 2024.

Norie Gonzalez Garza, Mayor

Jessica Ortega, Councilwoman

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