



**City of Aurora  
Council Agenda Commentary**

Item #: 10f  
 SS: 5/7/18  
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<b>Item Title:</b> Consideration to APPROVE A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Aurora, Colorado, declaring June firefighter cancer awareness and prevention month.
<b>Item Initiator:</b> Hyman, Michael - City Attorney - City Attorney
<b>Staff Source:</b> Hyman, Michael - City Attorney - City Attorney
<b>City Manager/Deputy City Manager Signature:</b> Jason Batchelor
<b>Outside Speaker:</b>
<b>Council Goal:</b> 2012: 1.0--Assure a safe community for people

**ACTIONS(S) PROPOSED** *(Check all appropriate actions)*

- Approve Item as proposed at Study Session
- Approve Item with Waiver of Reconsideration
- Approve Item and Move Forward to Regular Meeting
- Approve Item as proposed at Regular Meeting
- Information Only

**PREVIOUS ACTIONS OR REVIEWS:**

**Policy Committee**

Name: Public Safety, Courts and Civil Service Policy Committee

Meeting Date: 04/19/2018

- Minutes Attached
- Minutes Not Available

Actions Taken:  Recommends  Do Not Recommend

- Forwarded without Recommendation
- Recommendation Report Attached

**HISTORY** *(Dates reviewed by City council, Policy Committees, Boards and Commissions, or Staff. Summarize pertinent comments. ATTACH MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS, POLICY COMMITTEES AND BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.)*

The proposed resolution was discussed at the April 19, 2018, meeting of the Council Public Safety Committee. The Committee recommended approval and forwarded the resolution to study session.

**ITEM SUMMARY** *(Brief description of item, discussion, key points, recommendations, etc.)*

Recently, a multi-year study by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health found a 9% increase in cancer diagnoses and a 14% in cancer-related deaths in firefighters when compared to the general population. Increased exposure to fires increases chances for diagnosis and mortality for, including but not limited to, lung cancer, leukemia, digestive, oral, respiratory, testicular, multiple myeloma, colon, and urinary cancers.

The City of Aurora prioritizes the health and safety of all of its first responders. Awareness, prevention, and adequate resources are key to keeping Aurora firefighters healthy and safe. Accordingly, the proposed resolution will designate the month of June as Firefighter Cancer Awareness and Prevention Month.

**QUESTIONS FOR COUNCIL**

Does council wish to forward this resolution to the regular agenda?

**LEGAL COMMENTS**

The City Council may adopt a resolution to alert to the public to the health risks experienced by its public safety personnel in the performance of their duties. City Charter § 5-1  
Mike Hyman

**PUBLIC FINANCIAL IMPACT (If Yes, EXPLAIN)**

Yes                     No

No

**PRIVATE FISCAL IMPACT (If Significant or Nominal, EXPLAIN)**

Not Applicable             Significant                     Nominal

N/A

**EXHIBITS ATTACHED:**

Declaring June Firefighter Cancer Awareness and Prevention Month Resolution-4-27.pdf

RESOLUTION NO. R2018 - \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA,  
COLORADO, DECLARING JUNE FIREFIGHTER CANCER AWARENESS  
AND PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, a multi-year study by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) found a 9% increase in cancer diagnoses and a 14% in cancer-related deaths in firefighters when compared to the general population; and

WHEREAS, increased exposure to fires increases chances for diagnosis and mortality for, including but not limited to, lung cancer, leukemia, digestive, oral, respiratory, testicular, multiple myeloma, colon, and urinary cancers; and

WHEREAS, the State of Colorado recognizes the cancer risk for firefighters in C.R.S. Section 8-41-209, C.R.S., "Coverage for occupational diseases contracted by firefighters;" and

WHEREAS, according to that section, the "[d]eath, disability, or impairment of health of a firefighter of any political subdivision who has completed five or more years of employment as a firefighter, caused by cancer of the brain, skin, digestive system, hematological system, or genitourinary system and resulting from his or her employment as a firefighter, shall be considered an occupational disease;"

WHEREAS, the City of Aurora prioritizes the health and safety of all of its first responders;  
and

WHEREAS, awareness, prevention, and adequate resources are key to keeping Aurora firefighters healthy and safe; and

WHEREAS, personal protective clothing and equipment, commonly referred to as "bunker gear," play a vital role in protecting firefighters against chemical and biological hazards that increase a firefighter's risk of cancer; and

WHEREAS, Safety Stand Down Week takes place nationally during the month of June, in an effort to highlight critical safety, health, and survival issues for fire and emergency services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AURORA, COLORADO:

Section 1. The month of June is designated Firefighter Cancer Awareness and Prevention Month.

Section 2. During this month, the City of Aurora and Aurora Fire Rescue will promote awareness, prevention, and workplace improvements to reduce firefighter cancer risks.

Section 3. All resolutions or parts of resolutions of the City in conflict herewith are hereby rescinded.

RESOLVED AND PASSED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

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STEPHEN D. HOGAN, Mayor

ATTEST:

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LINDA S. BLACKSTON, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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MICHAEL J. HYMAN, City Attorney