



# Proclamation

*Office of the Mayor, City of Mukilteo*

## Firefighter Cancer Awareness Month January 2025

WHEREAS, Mukilteo firefighters serve our community by putting our safety above their own; and

WHEREAS, firefighters often work in a toxic environment of smoke, soot, and other carcinogens; and

WHEREAS, according to research, firefighters 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, firefighter occupational cancer is the leading cause of line-of-duty deaths in professional firefighters and has reached epidemic levels; and

WHEREAS, studies have found a direct correlation between the chemical exposures firefighters 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 firefighters; 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 Firefighter Cancer Awareness Month.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Joe Marine, Mayor of the City of Mukilteo, hereby proclaim January 2025 as *Firefighter Cancer Awareness Month*.



Signed this 6<sup>th</sup> Day of January, 2025

  
Joe Marine  
Mayor