



**SOUTH CAROLINA STATE FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION**

**The South Carolina  
State Firefighters' Association  
Cares Enough to Wear Pink  
Resolution**

**Whereas,** Cancer affects millions of people all over the world, and the fact that there is a proven correlation between firefighting and cancer, confirm both the need to eradicate the terrible disease and, until a cure is found, help alleviate the suffering of its victims; and

**Whereas,** In 2008 the American Cancer Society expected about 1,437,180 new cancers to be diagnosed in the U.S. This year about 565,650 Americans are expected to die of cancer, more than 1,500 people per day; and

**Whereas,** Cancer is one of the deadliest diseases, we need to come together to fight the disease, that means more of us who haven't been affected, need to step up and lead the way. Firefighters speaking on behalf of women, wearing the color pink, standing in front showing that firefighters care; and

**Whereas,** Firefighters normally wear blue shirts or duty shirts 365 days a year, for three days we can wear pink, and give an image of hope and courage to those who worry about being alone in a battle for life.

**Therefore Be It Resolved That:** The South Carolina State Firefighters' Association "Cares Enough to Wear Pink" and recognizes, supports, and encourages, their members to participate in the "**Cares Enough to Wear Pink**" campaign in honor of women who battle cancer. On October 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup>, we would like all firefighters to wear pink shirts to show their support for those battling cancer. Local fire departments are encouraged to create their own pink shirts and wear them on duty these dates and sell shirts or raise funds, if approved by the department, on the above dates each year. Each department is encouraged to then donate those funds to the Susan G. Komen "For The Cure" campaign, or the local chapter of the American Cancer Society, or local firefighters or dependants fighting the battle against cancer and specifically direct those funds towards cancers affecting women.

**Approved** this 10<sup>th</sup> of November, 2009.

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Morris Russell, President