

# 31<sup>ST</sup> BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES CITY OF STAMFORD

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## RESOLUTION NO. 4269 REGARDING PFAS CONTAINED IN FIREFIGHTERS' CLOTHING

**WHEREAS**, per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are a class of man-made chemicals that have been used in a wide variety of products, including personal protective equipment (PPE) designed to protect the health and safety of emergency workers such as firefighters; and

**WHEREAS**, the link between PFAS and a variety of environmental and health disasters is well documented. PFAS chemicals take centuries to be broken down in the natural environment, leading to the chemicals being called "forever chemicals" by scientists. In humans, prolonged exposure to PFAS is linked to cancer, infertility, and death; and

**WHEREAS**, firefighters wear clothing treated with PFAS for extended periods of time during every shift. This exposure drastically increases their risks for fatal cancers and increases the likelihood that their children will be born with significant birth defects. Occupational cancer is the leading cause of death for firefighters in the line of duty, having caused the deaths of 75% of all firefighters in 2022.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE 31<sup>ST</sup> BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CITY OF STAMFORD** supports the ban of PFAS chemicals in personal protective equipment and clothing in our community; supports further restrictions of these chemicals by General Assembly legislation ; and that the City of Stamford shall purchase clothing and PPE free of PFAS chemicals which meets the requirements of the Stamford Fire Department, in such quantities as shall be determined in the sole discretion of the Stamford Fire Department.

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This resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda at the regular monthly meeting of the 31<sup>st</sup> Board of Representatives held on March 4, 2024.

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