

2022 Montana State Council of Professional Firefighters

SUBJECT: Honor and Memorialize Vice President Emeritus Jason Baker

RESOLUTION # 2022-02

WHEREAS: The educational conference held annually for Montana Firefighters is an important event for all Montana Professional Union fire fighters.

WHEREAS: Great Falls Fire Rescue lost Engineer Jason Baker, a fighter of not only fires, but occupational cancer. Jason Baker was diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer in 2016, and had no choice but to medically retire at the end of 2017. Throughout his battle with cancer, Jason Baker served as a champion for Montana fire fighters' health and safety efforts. Baker finally lost his 2-year battle with cancer February 20th, 2019.

WHEREAS: Jason Baker worked for more than a decade to help firefighters statewide achieve presumptive health and safety coverage so generations of first responders tagged with lung disease and other serious work-related health conditions would have better odds at living a normal life.

WHEREAS: Jason Baker left behind a legacy of helping others within his fire department, his home, and his community.

WHEREAS: Jason Baker served the State of Montana Firefighters as both an Executive Board member of the MSFA and a 2nd District Vice President of the Montana State Council of Professional Firefighters prior to his untimely death.

RESOLVED: The Montana State Council of Professional Firefighters will rename the RJW Educational Conference to the Jason Baker Memorial Educational Conference.

SUBMITTED BY: IAFF Local 271

Committee	Action Taken	Recommendation

ASSIGNED DESIGNATION: