

Resolution No. 42

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT: Health & Safety

Re: Feasibility Study

1 WHEREAS, the North American Fire Service has
2 historically distinguished itself due in great part to
3 IAFF leadership providing its communities with
4 heroic emergency response to catastrophic
5 occurrence and by supporting humanitarian and
6 charitable effort; and

7 WHEREAS, these services and actions have in
8 general terms resulted in fire fighters achieving high
9 community prestige and esteem; and

10 WHEREAS, the cornerstone of fire fighter high
11 esteem is the selfless spirit exemplified by
12 performance "ABOVE AND BEYOND" in the face
13 of perilous risk including personal injury,
14 occupational illness, heart disease, cancer and death;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, IAFF leadership has aggressively
17 sought initiatives to address health and safety as well
18 as other issues confronting its membership; and

19 WHEREAS, modern medicine utilizes the science
20 of organ transplantation as curative treatment
21 benefitting the community at large, including
22 members of the fire service, but is restricted to organ
23 availability; therefore be it

24 RESOLVED, That the IAFF conduct a feasibility
25 study for the creation and implementation of an
26 initiative project expanding the culture of the fire
27 service to include active support, advocacy and
28 promotion of voluntary organ donation by its
29 members; and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That said study should include, but
31 not be limited to, transplant data, projections of
32 member participation (donor & recipient), identifying
33 public relations opportunities and benefits, marketing
34 strategies, and partnership opportunities across fire
35 service organizations; and be it further

36 RESOLVED, That this feasibility study should be
37 completed and a report generated for the delegates to
38 consider at the 55th IAFF Convention.

Submitted by: Local 176, Tulsa Firefighters

Cost Estimate: None

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Adopt

CONVENTION ACTION: Adopted