
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of May 2017 as "Building Safety Month" in
2 Pennsylvania and encouraging residents to participate in
3 "Building Safety Month" activities.

4 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is committed to recognizing that our
5 growth and strength depends on the safety and economic value of
6 the homes, buildings and infrastructure that serve our residents
7 in everyday life and in times of natural disaster; and

8 WHEREAS, Confidence in the structural integrity of buildings
9 that make up our communities is achieved through the devotion of
10 vigilant guardians, building safety and fire prevention
11 officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, design
12 professionals, laborers and others in the construction industry
13 who work year-round to ensure the safe construction of
14 buildings; and

15 WHEREAS, These guardians are dedicated members of the
16 International Code Council (ICC), a United States based
17 voluntary consensus codes and standards developing organization
18 that brings together Federal, State and local officials who are

1 experts in the built environment to create and implement the
2 highest-quality codes to protect us in the buildings where we
3 live, learn, work, worship and play; and

4 WHEREAS, The dedicated members of the Pennsylvania
5 Association of Building Code Officials, Pennsylvania State
6 Professional Chapter of the International Code Council and the
7 members of other International Code Council chapters in
8 Pennsylvania, including the Lancaster County Code Association,
9 the Berks County Building and Code Association, the Pennsylvania
10 Building Officials Conference, the Commonwealth Building
11 Officials, the Pennsylvania Association of Code Officials, the
12 Liberty Chapter of Philadelphia, the Pennsylvania Association of
13 Fire Code Officials, the Professional Chapter of Western
14 Pennsylvania and PennBOC Regions 1 and 5, develop and implement
15 the highest-quality codes to inspect buildings; and

16 WHEREAS, Our nation benefits economically and technologically
17 from using the international codes that are developed by the
18 ICC; and

19 WHEREAS, Government is able to avoid the high cost and
20 complexity of developing and maintaining these codes, which are
21 the the most widely adopted building safety and fire prevention
22 codes in the nation; and

23 WHEREAS, These modern building codes include safeguards to
24 protect the public from natural disasters such as hurricanes,
25 snowstorms, tornadoes, wild land fires, floods and earthquake;
26 and

27 WHEREAS, "Building Safety Month" is sponsored by the
28 International Code Council and the Pennsylvania Association of
29 Building Code Officials, along with all of the other ICC
30 chapters in Pennsylvania, to remind the public about the

1 critical role of our communities' largely unknown guardians of
2 public safety, our local code officials, who assure us of safe,
3 efficient and livable buildings that are essential to keep
4 America great; and

5 WHEREAS, "Code Officials-Partners in Community Safety and
6 Economic Growth," the theme for "Building Safety Month,"
7 encourages all Americans to raise awareness of the importance of
8 building safety and resilient construction, fire prevention,
9 disaster mitigation and new technologies in the construction
10 industry; and

11 WHEREAS, "Building Safety Month" encourages appropriate steps
12 that everyone can take to ensure that the places where we live,
13 learn, work, worship and play are safe; and

14 WHEREAS, "Building Safety Month" recognizes that countless
15 lives have been saved due to the implementation of safety codes
16 by State and local agencies; and

17 WHEREAS, In observance of "Building Safety Month," Americans
18 are asked to consider the commitment to improve building safety
19 and economic investment at home and in the community and to
20 acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us by
21 Federal agencies, State and local building departments and fire
22 prevention bureaus in protecting lives and property; therefore
23 be it

24 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the month of May 2017 as
25 "Building Safety Month" in Pennsylvania and encourage residents
26 to participate in "Building Safety Month" activities.