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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
MAY 10, 2016

## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of May 2016 as "Building Safety Month" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Through continuing efforts to address critical  
4 safety issues in the built environment that affect the residents  
5 of this Commonwealth, regardless of age or occupation, both in  
6 everyday life and in times of natural disaster, there is  
7 confidence that structures are safe and sound; and

8 WHEREAS, This confidence is a result of the efforts of  
9 vigilant guardians, building safety and fire prevention  
10 officials, architects, engineers, builders and others in the  
11 construction industry, who work year round to ensure the safe  
12 construction of buildings; and

13 WHEREAS, These dedicated members of the Pennsylvania  
14 Association of Building Code Officials, the International Code  
15 Council's Pennsylvania State Professional Chapter and other

1 International Code Council Chapters in this Commonwealth,  
2 including the Lancaster County Code Association, the Berks  
3 County Building and Code Association, the Pennsylvania Building  
4 Officials Conference, the Commonwealth Building Officials, the  
5 Pennsylvania Association of Code Officials, the Pennsylvania  
6 Association of Fire Code Officials, the Professional Chapter of  
7 Western Pennsylvania and the Pennsylvania Building Officials  
8 Conference Regions I and V, develop and implement the highest  
9 quality codes to protect residents of this Commonwealth in the  
10 buildings where they live, learn, work and play; and

11 WHEREAS, The International Codes, the most widely adopted  
12 building safety and fire prevention codes in the nation, are  
13 adopted in Pennsylvania by the Uniform Construction Code and are  
14 used by most states, counties and cities in this nation; and

15 WHEREAS, These modern building safety codes also include  
16 safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as  
17 hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildfires and earthquakes;  
18 and

19 WHEREAS, "Building Safety Month," sponsored by the  
20 International Code Council and the Pennsylvania Association of  
21 Building Code Officials along with all of the other  
22 International Code Council Chapters in this Commonwealth,  
23 reminds the public about the critical role of their communities'  
24 largely unknown guardians of public safety, local code  
25 officials, who help prevent countless fires and accidents; and

26 WHEREAS, The theme for this year's "Building Safety Month" is  
27 "Building Codes: Driving Growth Through Innovation, Resilience  
28 and Safety"; and

29 WHEREAS, The theme focuses on appropriate steps that every  
30 resident can take to ensure that the places where they live,

1 learn, work and play are safe; and

2 WHEREAS, Countless lives have been saved due to the  
3 implementation of safety codes by State and local agencies; and

4 WHEREAS, As "Building Safety Month" is observed throughout  
5 this Commonwealth, it is important to consider projects to  
6 improve building safety at home and in the community and to  
7 acknowledge the essential service provided to all residents by  
8 Federal agencies and State and local building departments in  
9 protecting lives and property; therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
11 month of May 2016 as "Building Safety Month" in Pennsylvania.