
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of May 2019 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 infrastructures that serve our
7 residents 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, 2, 3 and 5, develop and
15 implement the highest-quality codes to inspect buildings; and

16 WHEREAS, "Building Safety Month" is sponsored by the
17 International Code Council and the Pennsylvania Association of
18 Building Code Officials, along with all of the other ICC
19 chapters in Pennsylvania, to remind the public about the
20 critical role of our communities' largely unknown guardians of
21 public safety, our local code officials, who assure us of safe,
22 efficient and livable buildings that are essential to keep
23 America great; and

24 WHEREAS, "No Code. No Confidence.," the theme for "Building
25 Safety Month" in 2019, encourages all Americans to raise
26 awareness of the importance of building safety and resilient
27 construction, fire prevention, disaster mitigation and new
28 technologies in the construction industry; and

29 WHEREAS, "Building Safety Month" encourages appropriate steps
30 that everyone can take to ensure that the places where we live,

1 learn, work, worship and play are safe; and

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

5 WHEREAS, In observance of "Building Safety Month," Americans
6 are asked to consider the commitment to improve building safety
7 and economic investment at home and in the community and to
8 acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us by
9 Federal agencies, State and local building departments and fire
10 prevention bureaus in protecting lives and property; therefore
11 be it

12 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the month of May 2019 as
13 "Building Safety Month" in Pennsylvania and encourage residents
14 to participate in "Building Safety Month" activities.