
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of May 2015 as "Building Safety Month" and
2 encouraging residents to participate in "Building Safety
3 Week" from May 3 through May 9, 2015, in Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, Through our continuing efforts to address the
5 critical safety issues in the built environment that affect our
6 residents, regardless of age or occupation, both in everyday
7 life and in times of natural disaster, we are confident that our
8 structures are safe and sound; and

9 WHEREAS, There are vigilant guardians, including building
10 safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers,
11 builders and others in the construction industry, who work year
12 round to ensure the safe 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 the
16 members of other International Code Council Chapters in this
17 Commonwealth, including the Lancaster County Code Association,
18 the Commonwealth Building Officials, the Pennsylvania

1 Association of Code Officials, the Pennsylvania Association of
2 Fire Code Officials and PENNBOC Regions I and VI, develop and
3 implement the highest quality codes to protect Americans in the
4 buildings where we live, learn, work and play; and

5 WHEREAS, The international codes, the most widely adopted
6 building safety, energy and fire prevention codes in the nation,
7 are published by the International Code Council and adopted in
8 Pennsylvania by the Uniform Construction Code and are used by
9 most cities, counties and states in the United States, and these
10 modern building safety codes also include safeguards to protect
11 the public from natural disasters, including hurricanes,
12 snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires and earthquakes; and

13 WHEREAS, "Building Safety Month" is sponsored by the
14 International Code Council and the Pennsylvania Association of
15 Building Code Officials, along with all of the other ICC
16 Chapters in Pennsylvania, to remind the public about the
17 critical role of our communities' largely unknown guardians of
18 public safety and our local code officials, who help prevent
19 countless fires and accidents; and

20 WHEREAS, The theme "Resilient Communities Start with Building
21 Codes" encourages all Americans to raise awareness of the
22 importance of building safety, green and sustainable building,
23 pool, spa and hot tub safety and new technologies in the
24 construction industry, and it presents appropriate steps
25 everyone can take to ensure that the places where we live,
26 learn, work and play are safe and that countless lives have been
27 saved due to the implementation of safety codes by State and
28 local agencies; and

29 WHEREAS, This year, in observance of "Building Safety Month,"
30 we ask everyone to consider projects to improve building safety

1 at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential
2 service provided to all of us by Federal agencies and State and
3 local building departments in protecting lives and property;
4 therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize "Building Safety Month"
6 and encourage residents to participate in "Building Safety Week"
7 activities in Pennsylvania.