
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MAY 17, 2018

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of May 2018 as "Building Safety Month" in
2 Pennsylvania.

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

8 WHEREAS, Confidence in the structural integrity of the
9 buildings and other structures within our communities is
10 achieved through the work of building safety and fire prevention
11 officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, design
12 professionals, laborers and others in the construction industry;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Many of these individuals are members of the
15 International Code Council (ICC), a United States-based
16 organization that brings together Federal, State and local

1 officials to create and recommend standards for the buildings
2 where we live, learn, work, worship and play; and

3 WHEREAS, The members of the Pennsylvania Association of
4 Building Code Officials (PABCO), the ICC's Pennsylvania State
5 Professional Chapter, and the members of other ICC chapters in
6 this Commonwealth, including the Lancaster County Code
7 Association, the Berks County Building and Code Association, the
8 Pennsylvania Building Officials Conference, the Commonwealth
9 Building Officials, the Pennsylvania Association of Code
10 Officials, the Pennsylvania Association of Fire Code Officials,
11 the Professional Chapter of Western Pennsylvania and PennBOC
12 Regions 1 and 5 develop and implement the highest quality codes
13 to protect Pennsylvanians in the buildings where we live, learn,
14 work, worship and play; and

15 WHEREAS, "Building Safety Month" is sponsored by ICC and
16 PABCO, along with all other ICC chapters in this Commonwealth;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, "Building Codes Save Lives," which is the theme for
19 "Building Safety Month" in 2018, encourages all Americans to
20 raise awareness of the importance of safe and resilient building
21 construction, fire prevention, disaster mitigation and new
22 technologies in the construction industry; and

23 WHEREAS, "Building Safety Month" in 2018 raises awareness
24 that all communities need building codes to protect their
25 residents from disasters such as fires, weather-related events
26 and structural collapse; and

27 WHEREAS, Building codes are society's best way of protecting
28 homes, offices, schools, manufacturing facilities, stores and
29 entertainment venues; and

30 WHEREAS, Code officials work day in and day out to keep the

1 public safe; and

2 WHEREAS, "Building Safety Month" encourages all
3 Pennsylvanians to be aware of the importance of safe and
4 resilient building construction, fire prevention, disaster
5 mitigation and new technologies in the construction industry and
6 to take appropriate steps to ensure that the places where we
7 live, learn, work, worship and play are safe; therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
9 month of May 2018 as "Building Safety Month" in Pennsylvania;
10 and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That residents of this Commonwealth consider
12 projects to improve safe building construction at home and in
13 the community and acknowledge the essential service provided by
14 Federal agencies and State and local building departments in
15 protecting lives and property; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That Pennsylvanians be encouraged to join
17 communities across America in participating in "Building Safety
18 Month" activities.