
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of May 2018 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 vigilant
10 guardians, building safety and fire prevention officials,
11 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 development 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 that 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 ICC and other ICC chapters in
7 Pennsylvania, including the Lancaster County Code Association,
8 the Berks County Building and Code Association, the Pennsylvania
9 Building Officials Conference, the Commonwealth Building
10 Officials, the Pennsylvania Association of Code Officials, the
11 Liberty Chapter of Philadelphia, the Pennsylvania Association of
12 Fire Code Officials, the Professional Chapter of Western
13 Pennsylvania and PennBOC Regions 1 and 5, develop and implement
14 the highest-quality codes to inspect buildings; and

15 WHEREAS, Our nation benefits economically and technologically
16 from using the international codes developed by the ICC; and

17 WHEREAS, Government agencies avoid the high cost and
18 complexity of developing and maintaining these codes, which are
19 the most widely adopted building safety and fire prevention
20 codes in the nation; and

21 WHEREAS, Modern building codes include safeguards to protect
22 the public from natural disasters such as hurricanes,
23 snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires, floods and earthquakes;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, "Building Safety Month" is sponsored by the ICC and
26 the Pennsylvania Association of Building Code Officials, along
27 with other ICC chapters in Pennsylvania, to remind the public of
28 the critical role of our communities' largely unknown guardians
29 of public safety, our local code officials, who ensure the
30 safety, efficiency and livability of buildings that are

1 essential to keeping America great; and

2 WHEREAS, "Building Codes Save Lives," the theme for this
3 year's "Building Safety Month," encourages all Americans to
4 raise awareness of the importance of building safety and
5 resilient construction, fire prevention, disaster mitigation and
6 new technologies in the construction industry; and

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

13 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the month of May 2018 as
14 "Building Safety Month" in Pennsylvania and encourage residents
15 to participate in "Building Safety Month" activities.