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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of May 2016 as "Building Safety Month" in
2 Pennsylvania and encouraging residents to participate in the
3 weekly activities associated with "Building Safety Month."

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

10 WHEREAS, There are vigilant guardians, including building
11 safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers,
12 builders and others in the construction industry, who work year
13 round to ensure the safe construction of buildings; and

14 WHEREAS, These dedicated members of the Pennsylvania
15 Association of Building Code Officials, the Pennsylvania State
16 Professional Chapter of the International Code Council (ICC) and
17 the members of other ICC Chapters in this Commonwealth,
18 including the Lancaster County Code Association, the Berks

1 County Building and Code Association, the Pennsylvania Building
2 Officials Conference, the Commonwealth Building Officials, the
3 Pennsylvania Association of Code Officials, the Pennsylvania
4 Association of Fire Code Officials, the Professional Chapter of
5 Western Pennsylvania and PENNBOC Regions 1 and 5, develop and
6 implement the highest quality codes to protect Americans in the
7 buildings where we live, learn, work and play; and

8 WHEREAS, The International Codes, the most widely adopted
9 building safety and fire prevention codes in the nation, are
10 adopted in Pennsylvania by the Uniform Construction Code and are
11 used by most cities, counties and states in the United States;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, These modern building safety codes also include
14 safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters,
15 including hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires and
16 earthquakes; and

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

23 WHEREAS, The theme "Building Codes: Driving Growth through
24 Innovation, Resilience and Safety" encourages all Americans to
25 raise awareness of the importance of building safety, green and
26 sustainable building, pool, spa and hot tub safety and new
27 technologies in the construction industry; and

28 WHEREAS, The theme presents appropriate steps that everyone
29 can take to ensure that the places where we live, learn, work
30 and play are safe; and

1 WHEREAS, The theme emphasizes that countless lives have been
2 saved due to the implementation of safety codes by State and
3 local agencies; and

4 WHEREAS, The weekly themes for "Building Safety Month" in
5 2016 are as follows:

6 (1) Building Solutions for All Ages, for May 2 through
7 8;

8 (2) The Science Behind the Codes, for May 9 through 15;

9 (3) Learn from the Past, Build for Tomorrow, for May 16
10 through 22; and

11 (4) Building Codes: A Smart Investment, for May 23
12 through 29;

13 and

14 WHEREAS, This year, in observance of "Building Safety Month,"
15 everyone should consider projects to improve building safety at
16 home and in the community and should acknowledge the essential
17 service provided by Federal agencies and State and local
18 building departments in protecting lives and property; therefore
19 be it

20 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the month of May 2016 as
21 "Building Safety Month" in Pennsylvania and encourage residents
22 to participate in the weekly activities associated with
23 "Building Safety Month."