
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
APRIL 26, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of May 2017 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, 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 (PennBOC), the
9 Commonwealth Building Officials, the Pennsylvania Association of
10 Code Officials, the Liberty Chapter of Philadelphia, the
11 Pennsylvania Association of Fire Code Officials, the American
12 Society of Safety Engineers Western Pennsylvania Chapter and
13 PennBOC Regions I and V, develop and recommend codes to protect
14 Pennsylvanians in buildings constructed across this
15 Commonwealth; and

16 WHEREAS, "Building Safety Month" is sponsored by the ICC and
17 the Pennsylvania Association of Building Code Officials along
18 with all other ICC chapters in this Commonwealth; and

19 WHEREAS, "Code Officials: Partners in Community Safety and
20 Economic Growth," this year's theme for "Building Safety Month,"
21 serves to remind the public about the important role of our
22 local code officials; and

23 WHEREAS, "Building Safety Month" encourages all
24 Pennsylvanians to be aware of the importance of building safety
25 and resilient construction, fire prevention, disaster mitigation
26 and new technologies in the construction industry and to take
27 appropriate steps to ensure that the places where we live,
28 learn, work, worship and play are safe; therefore be it

29 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
30 month of May 2017 as "Building Safety Month" in Pennsylvania;

1 and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That residents of this Commonwealth consider
3 projects to improve building safety at home and in the community
4 and acknowledge the essential service provided by State and
5 local building departments and Federal agencies in protecting
6 lives and property; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That Pennsylvanians be encouraged to join
8 communities across America in participating in "Building Safety
9 Month" activities.