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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
APRIL 20, 2015

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of May 2015 as "Building Safety Month" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

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

8 WHEREAS, This confidence is a result of the efforts of  
9 vigilant guardians, building safety and fire prevention  
10 officials, architects, engineers, builders and others in the  
11 construction industry, who work year round to ensure the safe  
12 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 other  
16 International Code Council Chapters in this Commonwealth,

1 including the Lancaster County Code Association, the Berks  
2 County Building and Code Association, the Pennsylvania Building  
3 Officials Conference, the Commonwealth Building Officials, the  
4 Pennsylvania Association of Code Officials, the Pennsylvania  
5 Association of Fire Code Officials, the Professional Chapter of  
6 Western Pennsylvania and the Pennsylvania Building Officials  
7 Conference (PENNBOC) Regions I and V, develop and implement the  
8 highest quality codes to protect residents of this Commonwealth  
9 in the buildings where they live, learn, work and play; and

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

14 WHEREAS, These modern building safety codes also include  
15 safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as  
16 hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildfires and earthquakes;  
17 and

18 WHEREAS, "Building Safety Month," sponsored by the  
19 International Code Council and the Pennsylvania Association of  
20 Building Code Officials along with all of the other  
21 International Code Council Chapters in this Commonwealth,  
22 reminds the public about the critical role of their communities'  
23 largely unknown guardians of public safety, local code  
24 officials, who help prevent countless fires and accidents; and

25 WHEREAS, The theme for this year's "Building Safety Month,"  
26 "Resilient Communities Start with Building Codes," encourages  
27 all residents to raise awareness of the importance of building  
28 safety; green and sustainable building; pool, spa and hot tub  
29 safety; and new technologies in the construction industry; and

30 WHEREAS, The theme focuses on appropriate steps that every

1 resident can take to ensure that the places where they live,  
2 learn, work and play are safe; and

3 WHEREAS, Countless lives have been saved due to the  
4 implementation of safety codes by State and local agencies; and

5 WHEREAS, As "Building Safety Month" is observed throughout  
6 this Commonwealth, it is important to consider projects to  
7 improve building safety at home and in the community and to  
8 acknowledge the essential service provided to all residents by  
9 Federal agencies and State and local building departments in  
10 protecting lives and property; therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
12 month of May 2015 as "Building Safety Month" in Pennsylvania.