A Resolution in Support of Designating
May as Building Safety Month

Offered by
The International Code Council

Whereas building safety affects many aspects of life and because the administration of current model building and fire safety codes by building and fire code officials, people enjoy the comfort of structures that are safe, sound and sustainable; and

Whereas construction codes provide safeguards to protect against the risks of natural and manmade disasters (fires, earthquakes, hurricanes, explosions, etc.) that have the potential for causing widespread loss of lives, and damage to property, community infrastructure, and the environment; and

Whereas the effective enforcement of fire, life safety, and building codes is one of the best means of protecting the public and firefighters from natural disasters that impact our communities; and

Whereas effective pre-disaster mitigation, thorough preparedness, *public education and awareness*, timely warning, and code-compliant structures, is an effective strategy for comprehensive community risk reduction

Whereas, the National Fallen Firefighters’ Foundation has developed 16 initiatives to enhance firefighter safety, and Initiative Number 16 states, in part: “Advocacy must be strengthened for the enforcement of codes...”; and

Whereas Building Safety Month is an opportunity to educate the public and to increase public awareness of the role building safety and fire prevention officials, local and state building departments, national safety associations and federal agencies play in the first line of defense to protect the public; and

Whereas Building Safety month would compliment the traditional Fire Prevention Month – October and Disaster Preparedness Month – September that is part of Ready.gov; and

Whereas Building Safety Month focuses on public education and awareness programs throughout the country that improve safety in the built environment and recognize local building safety and fire prevention officials and the important work they play in ensuring public and first responder safety/

Therefore, it is resolved the Congressional Fire Services Institute supports the passage of legislation designating May as Building Safety Month.

*CFSI does not intend for the term "life safety" to be an endorsement of any one code or product.*