

***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.*