

**A Resolution In Support of Federal Initiatives to Promote the Installation of Carbon Monoxide Alarms In Residential Properties and Places of Public Accommodation**

Offered by:

National Association of State Fire Marshals  
International Association of Fire Chiefs  
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National Volunteer Fire Council  
International Code Council  
National Fire Protection Association  
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WHEREAS carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless, tasteless gas produced by burning carbon-based fuels;

WHEREAS exposure to unhealthy levels of carbon monoxide can lead to carbon monoxide poisoning, a serious health condition that could result in death;

WHEREAS carbon monoxide exposure can cause lifetime brain injuries, among other long-term harmful health conditions impacting the survivors of CO injuries;

WHEREAS carbon monoxide poisoning is especially dangerous for unborn babies, children, elderly individuals, and individuals with cardiovascular disease, among others with chronic health conditions;

WHEREAS the majority of the 4,600,000 families receiving federal housing assistance are families with young children, elderly individuals, or individuals with disabilities, making them especially vulnerable to carbon monoxide poisoning;

WHEREAS according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), in the United States approximately 450 people die annually from accidental CO poisoning, with another 50,000 Americans sent to emergency rooms due to unintentional CO poisonings;

WHEREAS installing carbon monoxide detection devices close to the sleeping areas in residential homes and other dwelling units can help avoid fatalities and serious injuries;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Congressional Fire Services Institute supports:

Federal initiatives to promote the installation of carbon monoxide alarms in residential properties and places of public accommodation, and to educate the public about the dangers of carbon monoxide and the need for carbon monoxide alarms.