A RESOLUTION

Recognizing the month of May 2016 as "Building Safety Month" in Pennsylvania and encouraging residents to participate in the weekly activities associated with "Building Safety Month."

WHEREAS, Through the continuing efforts to address the critical safety issues in the built environment that affect the residents of this Commonwealth, regardless of age or occupation, both in everyday life and in times of natural disaster, Pennsylvania is confident that its structures are safe and sound; and

WHEREAS, There are vigilant guardians, including building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders and others in the construction industry, who work year round to ensure the safe construction of buildings; and

WHEREAS, These dedicated members of the Pennsylvania Association of Building Code Officials, the Pennsylvania State Professional Chapter of the International Code Council (ICC) and the members of other ICC Chapters in this Commonwealth, including the Lancaster County Code Association, the Berks...
County Building and Code Association, the Pennsylvania Building Officials Conference, the Commonwealth Building Officials, the Pennsylvania Association of Code Officials, the Pennsylvania Association of Fire Code Officials, the Professional Chapter of Western Pennsylvania and PENNBOC Regions 1 and 5, develop and implement the highest quality codes to protect Americans in the buildings where we live, learn, work and play; and

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

WHEREAS, These modern building safety codes also include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters, including hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires and earthquakes; and

WHEREAS, "Building Safety Month" is sponsored by the ICC and the Pennsylvania Association of Building Code Officials, along with all the other ICC Chapters in Pennsylvania, to remind the public about the critical role of our communities' largely unknown guardians of public safety and our local code officials, who help prevent countless fires and accidents; and

WHEREAS, The theme "Building Codes: Driving Growth through Innovation, Resilience and Safety" encourages all Americans to raise awareness of the importance of building safety, green and sustainable building, pool, spa and hot tub safety and new technologies in the construction industry; and

WHEREAS, The theme presents appropriate steps that everyone can take to ensure that the places where we live, learn, work and play are safe; and

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WHEREAS, The theme emphasizes that countless lives have been saved due to the implementation of safety codes by State and local agencies; and
WHEREAS, The weekly themes for "Building Safety Month" in 2016 are as follows:
   (1) Building Solutions for All Ages, for May 2 through 8;
   (2) The Science Behind the Codes, for May 9 through 15;
   (3) Learn from the Past, Build for Tomorrow, for May 16 through 22; and
   (4) Building Codes: A Smart Investment, for May 23 through 29;
and
WHEREAS, This year, in observance of "Building Safety Month," everyone should consider projects to improve building safety at home and in the community and should acknowledge the essential service provided by Federal agencies and State and local building departments in protecting lives and property; therefore be it
RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize the month of May 2016 as "Building Safety Month" in Pennsylvania and encourage residents to participate in the weekly activities associated with "Building Safety Month."