

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 98

BY REPRESENTATIVE ADAMS

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH: Recognizes May 2016 as Building Safety Month

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To designate and recognize May 2016 as Building Safety Month as sponsored by the

3 International Code Council to raise awareness of the important role of building codes

4 for the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

5 WHEREAS, Louisiana's continuing efforts to address critical issues of safety, energy

6 efficiency, water conservation, and resilience of the built environment that affect our

7 citizens, both in everyday life and in times of natural disaster, give us confidence that our

8 structures are safe and sound; and

9 WHEREAS, our state's confidence is achieved through the devotion of vigilant

10 guardians such as building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders,

11 tradespeople, laborers, and others in the construction industry who work year-round to

12 ensure the safe construction of buildings; and

13 WHEREAS, dedicated members of the International Code Council use a

14 governmental consensus process that brings together local, state, and federal officials with

15 expertise in the built environment to create and implement the highest quality codes to

16 protect Americans in the buildings where we live, learn, work, worship, and play; and

17 WHEREAS, the International Codes, the most widely adopted building safety,

18 energy, and fire prevention codes in the nation are used by most United States cities,

19 counties, and states; and

1 WHEREAS, these modern building codes also include safeguards to protect the
2 public from natural disasters such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornados, wildland fires,
3 floods, and earthquakes; and

4 WHEREAS, Building Safety Month is sponsored by the International Code Council
5 as a campaign to remind the public about the critical role of our communities' largely
6 unknown guardians of public safety, and such unknown guardians are our local code
7 officials who assure us of safe, efficient, and livable buildings; and

8 WHEREAS, "Building Codes: Driving Growth through Innovation, Resilience, and
9 Safety" is the theme for Building Safety Month 2016, and this theme encourages all
10 Americans to raise awareness of fire prevention, disaster mitigation, water safety and
11 conservation, energy efficiency and new technologies in the construction industry, and the
12 importance of safe and resilient buildings; and

13 WHEREAS, Building Safety Month 2016 encourages appropriate steps that everyone
14 can take to ensure that the places where we live, learn, work, worship, and play are safe and
15 sustainable, and recognizes that countless lives have been saved due to the implementation
16 of safety codes by local and state agencies; and

17 WHEREAS, each year, in observance of Building Safety Awareness Month,
18 Americans are asked to consider projects to improve building safety and sustainability at
19 home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us
20 by local and state building departments, fire prevention bureaus, and federal agencies in
21 protecting lives and property.

22 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
23 designate and recognize May 2016 as Building Safety Month as sponsored by the
24 International Code Council.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature does hereby encourage the
26 citizens of the state of Louisiana to join with their communities to participate in Building
27 Safety Month Activities.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
29 to Mark Roberts, Senior Regional Manager of the International Code Council.

DIGEST

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