

**FORSYTH COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

MEETING DATE: APRIL 27, 2015 AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 13


**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 2015 AS BUILDING SAFETY MONTH**

**COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION OR COMMENTS:** Recommend Approval

**SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:**

See attached

ATTACHMENTS:  YES  NO

SIGNATURE:  DATE: April 22, 2015  
COUNTY MANAGER

## **RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 2015 AS BUILDING SAFETY MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, Forsyth County's continuing efforts to address the critical issues of safety, energy efficiency, water conservation, and resilience in the built environment that affect our citizens, both in everyday life and in times of natural disaster, help ensure that our structures are safe and sound; and

**WHEREAS**, safe structures are achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians—building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, laborers and others in the construction industry—who work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings; and

**WHEREAS**, these guardians are dedicated members of the International Code Council and use a governmental consensus process that brings together local, state and federal officials with expertise in the built environment to create and implement the highest-quality codes to protect its citizens in the buildings where we live, learn, work, worship, and play; and

**WHEREAS**, the International Codes are the most widely adopted building safety, energy and fire prevention codes in the nation, and are used by most U.S. cities, counties and states; these modern building codes also include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires, floods and earthquakes; and

**WHEREAS**, Building Safety Month is sponsored by the International Code Council to remind the public of the critical role of the above-listed guardians of public safety, who assure us of safe, efficient and livable buildings; and

**WHEREAS**, the theme for Building Safety Month 2015 is, "Resilient Communities Start with Building Codes", which encourages all Americans to raise awareness of the importance of building safe and resilient structures, fire prevention, disaster mitigation, water safety and conservation, energy efficiency, and new technologies in the construction industry; and

**WHEREAS**, Building Safety Month 2015 encourages appropriate steps to ensure that the places where we live, learn, work, worship and play are safe and sustainable, and recognizes that countless lives have been saved due to the implementation of safety codes by local and state agencies; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes the month of May, 2015 as Building Safety Month and encourages the County's citizens to join with their communities in participation in Building Safety Month projects and activities to bring awareness to the importance of building safety, efficiency, and sustainability.

Adopted this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April 2015.