

# FORSYTH COUNTY

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: April 28, 2014 AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 5

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 2014 AS BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION OR COMMENTS:

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

See attached

ATTACHMENTS:  YES  NO

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: April 24, 2014  
COUNTY MANAGER

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 2014 AS  
BUILDING SAFETY MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, Building Safety Month is sponsored by the International Code Council to emphasize the critical role of local code officials, who help ensure the construction of safe, efficient and livable buildings, and to recognize that countless lives have been saved due to the implementation of safety codes by local and state agencies; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the International Code Council uses a governmental consensus process that brings together local, state and federal officials with expertise in construction to create and implement the highest-quality codes to protect Americans in the buildings in which we live, learn, work, worship, and play; and

**WHEREAS**, “Building Safety: Maximizing Resilience, Minimizing Risks” is the theme for Building Safety Month 2014, and the International Code Council encourages all Americans to raise awareness of the importance of safe and resilient construction, fire prevention, disaster mitigation, backyard safety, energy efficiency and new technologies in the construction industry; and

**WHEREAS**, Forsyth County’s continuing efforts to address the critical issues of safety, energy efficiency, and resilience in the construction industry help ensure that our structures are safe and sound in everyday life and in times of natural disaster with the help of 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**, each year, in observance of Building Safety Month, Americans are asked to participate in projects to improve building safety and sustainability at home and in the community, and to recognize the essential service provided by local and state building departments, fire prevention bureaus, and federal agencies to protect lives and property.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes the month of May 2014 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 28<sup>th</sup> day of April 2014.