

FORSYTH COUNTY

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: MAY 9, 2016 AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 4

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 2016 AS BUILDING SAFETY MONTH
IN FORSYTH COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION OR COMMENTS:

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

See attached

ATTACHMENTS: YES NO

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: May 4, 2016
COUNTY MANAGER

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BUILDING SAFETY MONTH
IN FORSYTH COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

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, give us confidence that our structures are safe and sound; and

WHEREAS, our confidence is achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians, including 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 who 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 Americans in the buildings where we live, learn, work, worship, and play; and

WHEREAS, the International Codes, the most widely adopted building safety, energy and fire prevention codes in the nation, 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 about the critical role of our communities' largely unknown guardians of public safety, our local code officials, who assure us of safe, efficient and livable buildings; and

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

WHEREAS, Building Safety Month 2016 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 service 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 2016 as Building Safety Month in Forsyth County and encourages the people of Forsyth County to join their communities in participating in Building Safety month activities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution is hereby spread upon the minutes of the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners and that a copy shall be presented to the City/County Planning and Development Services Department.

Adopted this 9th day of May 2016.