

1 [Building Safety Month - May 2011]

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3 **Resolution proclaiming May 2011 as “Building Safety Month” in the City and County of**
4 **San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, The Department of Building Inspection (DBI) takes steps daily to provide
7 ever-evolving engineering, plan reviews, building, plumbing, electrical and housing
8 inspections, and conducts code enforcement to insure the safety and well-being of homes,
9 offices, and nearly 200,000 buildings utilized constantly by residents; and

10 WHEREAS, Building safety, fire prevention professionals, architects, engineers,
11 builders, and others in the construction industry are guardians who employ their impressive
12 skills, expertise, and experience year-round to ensure building safety; and

13 WHEREAS, Dedicated and competent members of the International Code Council
14 (ICC) also play a critical role by developing and implementing the highest quality building
15 codes to protect everyone in the buildings where we live, learn, work, and recreate; and

16 WHEREAS, These International Codes are the most widely adopted building safety
17 and fire prevention codes in the nation, and are legally-enforced by most U.S. cities and
18 states – including San Francisco, located in one of the world’s highest risk seismic safety
19 zones and a global leader in applying some of the world’s strictest building codes; and

20 WHEREAS, Modern building safety codes are vital to protect the public during natural
21 disasters, such as earthquakes, wild land fires, floods, hurricanes, and tornadoes; and

22 WHEREAS, Building Safety Month is observed annually and is sponsored by the
23 International Code Council, International Code Council Foundation, and BASF, offering a
24 month-long program to education and inform the public about the critical role played in our
25 communities by local building code professionals, such as San Francisco’s Department of

1 Building Inspection, whose professionals and dedicated staff are essential to our City's safety
2 and well-being; and

3 WHEREAS, Building Safety Month May 2011 celebrates "Safe and Sensible
4 Structures," is an appropriate time for all San Franciscans to be aware of the importance of
5 building safety efforts constantly under way in our City, and calls upon residents to support
6 green and sustainable building, disaster preparation, new construction technologies, and the
7 constant training of building professionals to ensure that 'Best Practices' continue to protect
8 lives and properties through the implementation and enforcement of building safety codes by
9 local and state agencies; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco,
11 hereby proclaims May 2011 to be "Building Safety Month" in the City and County of San
12 Francisco.

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