

1 [Proclaiming May 2010 Building Safety Month]

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3 **Resolution declaring May 2010 as Building Safety Month in the City and County of San**
4 **Francisco and urging support for supporting public safety efforts by the Department of**
5 **Building Inspection and recognizing public employees for the contributions to San**
6 **Francisco’s structural safety and well-being.**

7 WHEREAS, San Francisco’s Department of Building Inspection takes steps every day
8 to provide sound and ever-evolving engineering, plan reviews, building and housing
9 inspections, as well as code enforcement actions, to insure the safety and well-being of its
10 homes in San Francisco, and the nearly 200,000 buildings constantly utilized by its citizens;
11 and,

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

15 WHEREAS, The dedicated and competent members of the International Code Council
16 also play a critical role by developing and implementing the highest quality building codes to
17 protect everyone in the buildings where we live, learn, work and recreate; and,

18 WHEREAS, These International Codes are the most widely adopted building safety
19 and fire prevention codes in the nation, and are legally enforced by most U.S. cities and
20 states; and,

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

23 WHEREAS, San Francisco is located in one of the world’s highest risk seismic safety
24 zones and is a global leader in applying some of the world’s strictest building codes; and,

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1 WHEREAS, Building Safety Month: Commemorating a 30-year Legacy of Leadership,
2 is sponsored by the International Code Council, International Code Council Foundation and
3 BASF, and offers an expanded month-long program to educate the public about the critical
4 role played in our communities by local building code professionals, such as San Francisco's
5 Department of Building Inspection, whose professionals and dedicated staff are essential to
6 our City's safety and well-being; and,

7 WHEREAS, Building Safety Month, May 2010 is an opportune time for all San
8 Franciscans to be understand the importance of building safety efforts constantly under way in
9 our community, and to support initiatives such as green building, sustainable building, disaster
10 preparation, new construction technologies, and constant training by building professionals to
11 ensure the implementation, and enforcement of appropriate building safety codes, that protect
12 lives and properties; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco, does
14 hereby declare May 2010 as Building Safety Month encourages everyone to support the vital
15 public safety efforts undertaken by the professionals at the Department of Building Inspection,
16 and salute these talented, dedicated, and essential public employees for their invaluable
17 contributions to our City's structural safety and well-being.

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