

1 [Building Safety Week]

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3 **Resolution declaring May 3-9, 2009 as Building Safety Week in San Francisco, recognizing the**  
4 **public safety efforts undertaken by the professionals at the Department of Building Inspection,**  
5 **and honoring these public employees for their dedication to safety.**

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7 WHEREAS, San Francisco is taking steps to provide engineering, plan reviews, building and  
8 housing inspections, and code enforcement in order to ensure the safety of homes and buildings; and,

9 WHEREAS, Building safety and fire prevention professionals, architects, engineers, builders  
10 and others in the construction industry employ their skills, expertise and experience to ensure building  
11 safety; and,

12 WHEREAS, Members of the International Code Council (ICC) also play a critical role by  
13 developing and implementing the highest quality building codes to ensure the safety of the buildings  
14 where we live, learn, work and recreate; and,

15 WHEREAS, The International Codes are the most widely adopted building safety and fire  
16 prevention codes in the nation, and are legally enforced by most U.S. cities, counties and states,  
17 including San Francisco; and,

18 WHEREAS, Modern building safety codes are vital in protecting the public during natural  
19 disasters, such as earthquakes; and,

20 WHEREAS, the Building Safety Week theme this year is "Building Safety: Where You Live,  
21 Work and Play," which is sponsored by the International Code Council to remind the public about the  
22 critical role played by local building code professionals, such as San Francisco's Department of  
23 Building Inspection; and,

24 WHEREAS, Building Safety Week, May 3-9, 2009 is an appropriate time for all San  
25 Franciscans to be aware of the importance of building safety efforts in our community, and to support

1 initiatives, including green and sustainable building, disaster preparation, new construction  
2 technologies, training by building professionals, and the application of 'best practices,' help protect  
3 lives and properties through the implementation and enforcement of appropriate building safety codes  
4 by local and state agencies; now therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, does hereby declare May 3-9,  
6 2009 as Building Safety Week in San Francisco, does encourage everyone to support the vital public  
7 safety efforts undertaken by the professionals at the Department of Building Inspection, and does  
8 salute these talented and dedicated public employees for their invaluable leadership efforts on behalf  
9 of the safety and well-being of everyone.

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