

# FORSYTH COUNTY

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: MAY 8, 2017 AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 1

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 2017 AS BUILDING SAFETY MONTH  
IN FORSYTH COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION OR COMMENTS: Recommend Approval

### SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

See attached

ATTACHMENTS:  YES  NO

SIGNATURE: J. Audrey Watts, Jr. odh DATE: May 4, 2017  
COUNTY MANAGER

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 2017 AS  
BUILDING SAFETY MONTH  
IN FORSYTH COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

**WHEREAS**, Forsyth County recognizes its growth and strength depend on the safety and economic value of the homes, buildings and infrastructure that serve its citizens, both in everyday life and in times of natural disaster; and

**WHEREAS**, Forsyth County's confidence in the structural integrity of the buildings that make up the community is achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians, including building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, design professionals, 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, a U.S. based organization, which uses 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**, our nation benefits economically and technologically from using the International Codes® developed by a national, voluntary organization which develops consensus codes and standards, therefore our government is able to avoid the high cost and complexity of developing and maintaining these codes, which are the most widely adopted building safety and fire prevention codes in the nation; these modern building codes 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 2017, is "Code Officials-Partners in Community Safety and Economic Growth", which encourages all Americans to raise awareness of the importance of safe and resilient construction, fire prevention, disaster mitigation, and new technologies in the construction industry; and

**WHEREAS**, Building Safety Month 2017 encourages appropriate steps everyone can take 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 recognize the commitment to improve building safety and economic investment 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 2017 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of May 2017.