

May 6-12), Securing clean, abundant water for all communities (Week 3, May 13-19), Construction professionals and homeowners: Partners in safety (Week 4, May 20-26), Innovations in building safety (Week 5, May 27-31). Additional information regarding each week's specific building safety issue, and action that can be taken to improve safety, can be found on the Building Safety Month portion of the ICC's web site at www.iccsafe.org.

The Solano County Building Official, building inspectors, plan reviewer, code compliance staff and permit technician work in concert with fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders and others in the construction industry to ensure safety of the structures in our community. These individuals and the expertise they bring in an increasingly complex code environment have made great strides in making contemporary buildings safer than those constructed in prior generations. They also provide the bridge to the community in making the codes understandable to the public to facilitate a smooth and effective permitting process. The results are safer buildings that are far more energy efficient.

During Building Safety Month this year, the Department will be talking to individual clients at the Resource Management counter and encouraging them to take, read, and discuss a variety of handouts, including: "Building Green - Living Better," " Building Codes - How They Can Help You," "Flood Cleanup - Safety and Salvaging," Careers in Code Enforcement," "Safety Preparedness - Tips for Your Home and Family," "Building Technology: Then and Now," "Benefits of Building Permits," "Prevent Accidents and Save Lives - Pool, Spa and Hot Tub Safety," and "Mold - Tips on Prevention and Control." The public is encouraged to participate and learn about the essentials of building safety in Solano County.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board of Supervisors could choose not to approve the resolution. This is not recommended because the proclamation supports a planned event occurring in jurisdictions across the country that provides positive exposure for the County and helps to raise public awareness about building safety issues and County services.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Solano County is a member of the International Code Council, the sponsor of Building Safety Month. The Code Council develops the most widely used building safety and fire prevention codes in the nation.

CAO RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION