



2015 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 30

May 5, 2015 – Introduced by Representatives HESSELBEIN, KAHL, MILROY, SARGENT, OHNSTAD, KOLSTE, JOHNSON, BERCEAU, GOYKE, SPREITZER, SUBECK and CONSIDINE, cosponsored by Senators ERPENBACH and RINGHAND. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** designating May as Building Safety Month in Wisconsin.

2 Whereas, the State of Wisconsin has been a leader in the safety of our buildings,
3 residents, visitors, and emergency responders, having in place the “Safe Place
4 Statutes” since 1913; and

5 Whereas, our state’s continuing efforts to address the critical issues of safety,
6 energy efficiency, water conservation, and resilience in the built environment that
7 affect our residents, both in everyday life and in times of natural disaster, give us
8 confidence that our structures are safe and sound; and

9 Whereas, our confidence is achieved through the devotion of vigilant
10 guardians—building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers,
11 builders, tradespeople, laborers, and others in the construction industry—who work
12 year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings in Wisconsin; and

13 Whereas, the *International Codes*, the most widely adopted building safety,
14 energy, and fire prevention codes in the nation, are used by Wisconsin and most U.S.
15 cities, counties, and states; these modern building codes also include safeguards to

1 protect the public from natural disasters such as snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland
2 fires, floods, and earthquakes; and

3 Whereas, the International Code Council sponsors “Resilient Communities
4 Start with Building Codes,” the theme for 2015, to raise awareness of the importance
5 of building safe and resilient construction to ensure that the places where we live,
6 learn, work, worship, and play are safe and to recognize that countless lives have
7 been saved due to the implementation of safety codes by local and state agencies;
8 now, therefore, be it

9 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** May 2015 is
10 designated Building Safety Month in Wisconsin.

11 (END)