

Introduced by Senator Denham

April 21, 2005

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 45—Relative to International Building Safety Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 45, as introduced, Denham. International Building Safety Week.

This measure would proclaim the week of May 8 to 14, 2005, as International Building Safety Week and urge all residents to participate in International Building Safety Week activities to help promote building safety, to create awareness as to the importance of construction and building codes, and to spotlight the role of the dedicated code official in administering those codes.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The safety of the buildings we occupy daily is
- 2 essential to the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of
- 3 California; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Among the world's most fundamental laws and
- 5 ordinances are those which provide standards for the safe
- 6 construction of buildings in which people live, work, and play;
- 7 and
- 8 WHEREAS, Local building departments are engaged in an
- 9 ongoing effort to ensure that residents and individuals
- 10 patronizing business within California are afforded the highest
- 11 construction standards available; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Building Safety Week emphasizes the important
- 13 role local building departments play in the development and
- 14 maintenance of safe buildings in our communities; and

1 WHEREAS, Local building departments are helping to ensure
2 the public’s health, safety, and general well-being by reviewing
3 building construction plans, issuing building permits, inspecting
4 buildings during and after construction to ensure that they
5 comply with the minimum necessary health and safety
6 regulations, and enforcing the preventative work that contributes
7 to the success of keeping the occupants of the structure safe
8 during an emergency; and

9 WHEREAS, For construction and building codes to be
10 effective and enforced, understanding and cooperation must exist
11 between code officials and the people they serve; and

12 WHEREAS, Through the efforts of code officials worldwide
13 and their cooperative relationship with the construction industry,
14 the administration of these health and life-safety standards is
15 assured; and

16 WHEREAS, Cities and counties across California are joining
17 to promote building safety through the observation of
18 International Building Safety Week; now, therefore, be it

19 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
20 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature does hereby proclaim
21 the week of May 8 to 14, 2005, as International Building Safety
22 Week and urges all residents to participate in International
23 Building Safety Week activities to help promote building safety,
24 to create awareness as to the importance of construction and
25 building codes, and to spotlight the role of the dedicated code
26 official in administering those codes; and be it further

27 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
28 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.