

## **Resolution**

### **Florida Building Commission**

WHEREAS, the Florida Building Commission recognizes the citizens of the State of Florida are at risk of natural disasters including hurricanes, wild fires, tornadoes, lightning, floods and severe thunderstorms; and

WHEREAS, these disasters have the potential for causing injury and loss of life and widespread damage to property, community infrastructure and the environment; and

WHEREAS, the Commission recognizes that effective pre-disaster mitigation, thorough preparedness, timely warning, and well-trained and equipped response forces can reduce injuries and deaths caused by a hazard; and

WHEREAS, the hurricane seasons of 2004 and 2005, the flooding in 2006 and 2007, and the tornado and wildfire seasons of 2006 and 2007 clearly demonstrate our nation's on-going vulnerability to all forms of natural disasters; and

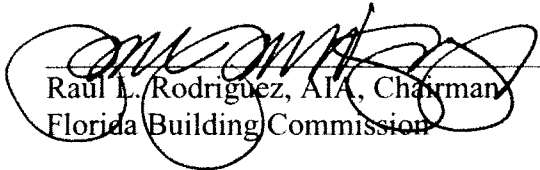
WHEREAS, the impact of recent natural disasters demonstrates the need for heightened local, state and federal attention to coordinated measures to mitigate the impact of natural hazards on our communities, and has demonstrated a significant need to support the effective work of building code enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of building codes and consistent enforcement are effective means of mitigating the impacts of natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, the National Institute for Building Safety's recent report finds an express national benefit for providing support for local building code enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the Community Building Code Administration Grant Act of 2007, when enacted and funded, will provide competitively evaluated federal grants, locally matched, for local governments who seek to build-up or improve local code administration and enforcement capabilities; now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Florida Building Commission hereby encourages Congress to support passage and funding of H.R. 4461/S. 2458, The Community Building Code Administration Grant Act of 2007. The Commission further encourages the International Code Council to deliver this Resolution to Congress and to continue its work on behalf of the enactment and funding of the Community Building Code Administration Grant Act of 2007.

  
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Florida Building Commission