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WHEREAS, analysis of fire injuries and fatalities conclusively show that the majority of such incidents occur in residential properties and;

WHEREAS, every major fire safety conference in the last 90 years has called for improvements in the area of residential fire safety and;

WHEREAS, the United States Fire Administration (2008) has stated ***"The USFA fully supports all efforts to reduce the tragic toll of fire losses in this nation, including the proposed changes to the International Residential Code that would require automatic sprinklers in all new residential construction;"*** and

WHEREAS, the Fire and Life Safety Section of the International Association of Fire Chiefs (2008) resolved ***"No other action can possibly be more responsible for saving citizen and firefighter lives and personal property than adding residential sprinkler protection to our homes;"*** and,

WHEREAS, America Burning Recommissioned (1999) recommended ***"No tactic or strategy should detract from the requirement for sprinklers" and "Smoke alarms should always be the locality's second option."*** and

WHEREAS, efforts are underway to block the requirement for residential sprinklers in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Reading City Council feels that the fire fatality and injury rates in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are unacceptable; and,

WHEREAS, every major fire safety organization recognizes that the installation of automatic sprinklers will have a definitive long-term effect on reducing such losses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Reading City Council supports the requirements for the installation of residential sprinklers and opposes any attempt to block said mandate in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Passed Council June 10, 200

President of Council

Attest:

City Clerk
(LAW AND FIRE)

I, LINDA A. KELLEHER, City Clerk of the City of Reading, Pa., do hereby certify, that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution passed by the Council of the City of Reading, on the 10 day of June A. D. 2009. Witness my hand and seal of the said City this 11 day of June A. D. 2009

CITY CLERK