

## Oklahoma State Fire Marshal Commission

## A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE REQUIREMENT FOR FIRE SPRINKLERS IN ONE- AND TWO-FAMILY DWELLINGS AND MULTI-FAMILY DWELLING UNITS

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma State Fire Marshal Commission, a board appointed by the Governor whose mission is to promote the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the State of Oklahoma, meeting on December 3, 2010 for a Regular Meeting of the Oklahoma State Fire Marshal Commission in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma ranks 7<sup>th</sup> in the Nation for the number of fire deaths per capita; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma State Fire Marshal Commission consists of members of the fire service community involved in enforcement of fire laws and regulations to ensure the safety of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the State of Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma State Fire Marshal Commission considers it unacceptable that in the 21<sup>st</sup> century more than 3,000 people in the United States are killed in fire each year with an overwhelming number of these deaths occurring in homes; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma State Fire Marshal Commission desires to have a positive and consequential impact on reducing the nation's losses due to fire; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma State Fire Marshal Commission recognizes that fire sprinklers represent a proven, reliable, efficient and effective method of protecting the lives of civilians, firefighters and property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Oklahoma State Fire Marshal Commission supports the adoption of the 2009 International Residential Code requirements for fire sprinkler systems in all new residential structures.

This Resolution adopted December 3, 2010 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Robert Doke, State Fire Marshal

Mark Huff, Chairman