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RESOLUTION

International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials

WHEREAS, the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO) was founded on May 17, 1926 when a small group of plumbing inspectors gathered to begin writing a model code to protect the health of people they served from inept plumbing practices; and

WHEREAS, IAPMO strives to “advance the latest and most improved methods of sanitation; to promote the welfare of and harmony between the owner, the builder, and the craftsman; to accomplish a uniformity in the application of the provisions of the ordinances; and to promulgate the mutual benefit of the members”; and

WHEREAS, the original IAPMO group comprised 39 Southern California plumbing inspectors, including Charles Collard, the Association’s first president, and Stephen Smoot, who served as Association Secretary from 1926 to 1954; and

WHEREAS, at present, IAPMO is a global team with deep expertise in codes and standards, rigorous product testing, certification and inspection services, professional development offerings, and in industry research, policy and advocacy work, engaging industry and government for a safer built environment; and

WHEREAS, in the late 1920s disorder in the industry due to widely divergent plumbing practices and the use of many different, often conflicting, plumbing codes by local jurisdictions influenced IAPMO to form a committee of plumbing inspectors, master and journeymen plumbers, and plumbing engineers, backed by public utility companies and the plumbing industry, to create a basic plumbing document for general use; resulting in the Uniform Plumbing Code; and

WHEREAS, IAPMO has worked closely with local government and all sectors of industry to provide safe, innovative, and effective codes, which are designated as American National Standards; and

WHEREAS, the Uniform Plumbing Code is routinely cited as a versatile and easy-to-apply document that can be tailored to fit any jurisdiction’s or nation’s needs for ensuring drinking water safety, sanitary waste disposal, and efficient plumbing design; and

WHEREAS, with offices in nine states and six countries, IAPMO codes and services have provided support in North America, South America, Europe, Asia and Africa; and

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WHEREAS, in support of the World Plumbing Council, IAPMO collaborates with the World Health Organization to help bring sound, efficient plumbing systems to developing nations; and

WHEREAS, in addition to offering extensive training opportunities to its members, IAPMO has grown to include distinct business units to better serve its members, industry and society; and

WHEREAS, these distinct business units serve to: certify and list products according to established codes and standards to ensure their continuous compliance; provide independent product testing; provide education and training services to increase both private and professional awareness of potential hazards to the public drinking supply; provide management system certifications and auditing services for a variety of industry sectors; provide resources and information on rainwater and stormwater collection to promote the advancement of rainwater conservation; and connect technical experts with local community networks to complete service projects in water-stressed areas, delivering real-world impact; and

WHEREAS, through constant expansion and globalization since its establishment, IAPMO's goal has always remained the same, "To protect public health and safety";

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the Los Angeles City Council join with the constituents of the City of Los Angeles and the Second Council District in honoring IAPMO for 100 years of service to the industry and for protecting public health and safety throughout the world.

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