



Proclamation

WHEREAS, as Mayor of the City of Raleigh, I am pleased to join with municipalities across the United States, as well as worldwide member organizations, in participation of Building Safety Month -- a month-long event held in May celebrating all aspects of building safety which helps individuals, families, and businesses understand and appreciate the best practices that keep the places where we live, learn, work, worship and play safe, and;

WHEREAS, our City's commitment to recognizing our growth and strength depends on the safety and economic value of the homes, buildings and infrastructure that serve our citizens, both in everyday life and in times of natural disaster, and;

WHEREAS, our confidence in the structural integrity of these buildings that make up our community is achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians -- building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, design professionals, laborers and others in the construction industry -- who work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings, and;

WHEREAS, these guardians are dedicated members of the International Code Council, a U.S. based organization, that brings together local, state and federal officials that are experts in the built environment to create and implement the highest-quality codes to protect us in the buildings where we live, learn, work, worship, play, and;

WHEREAS, our nation benefits economically and technologically from using the International Codes® that are developed by a national, voluntary consensus codes and standards developing organization, our government is able to avoid the high cost and complexity of developing and maintaining these codes, which are the most widely adopted building safety and fire prevention codes in the nation. These modern building codes include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildfires, floods and earthquake; and;

WHEREAS, Building Safety Month is sponsored by the International Code Council to remind the public about the critical role of our communities' largely unknown guardians of public safety -- our local code officials -- who assure us of safe, efficient and livable buildings that are essential to keep America great, and;

WHEREAS, "Code Officials — Partners in Community Safety and Economic Growth" the theme for Building Safety Month 2017, encourages all Americans to raise awareness of the importance of building safe and resilient construction; fire prevention; disaster mitigation, and new technologies in the construction industry. Building Safety Month 2017 encourages appropriate steps everyone can take to ensure that the places where we live, learn, work, worship and play are safe, and recognizes that countless lives have been saved due to the implementation of safety codes by local and state agencies, and,

WHEREAS, each year, in observance of Building Safety Month, Americans are asked to consider the commitment to improve building safety and economic investment at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us by local and state building departments, fire prevention bureaus and federal agencies in protecting lives and property.

NOW, THEREFORE, do I, Nancy McFarlane, Mayor of the City of Raleigh in North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2017 as

Building Safety Month

Accordingly, I encourage our citizens to join with their communities in participation of Building Safety Month activities.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Raleigh, North Carolina, to be affixed this 1st Day of May, 2017.

Nancy McFarlane
Mayor