

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Colorado's growth and strength depend 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 integrity of the buildings that make up our communities 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, an organization that brings together local and state officials to protect the built environment by implementing building safety codes to protect us in the structures where we live, learn, work, worship, and play; and

WHEREAS, by using the International Codes, our state agencies and local governments avoid the high cost and complexity of developing their own building safety codes which include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters, such as snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires, and floods; and

WHEREAS, Building Safety Month is to remind the public about the critical role of these guardians of public safety—our local code officials—who assure us of safe, efficient, and livable buildings that are essential to keep Colorado great; and

WHEREAS, "Building Codes Save Lives," the theme for Building Safety Month 2018, encourages all citizens to recognize the importance of building safe and resilient structures, fire prevention, disaster mitigation, and new technologies in the construction industry; and

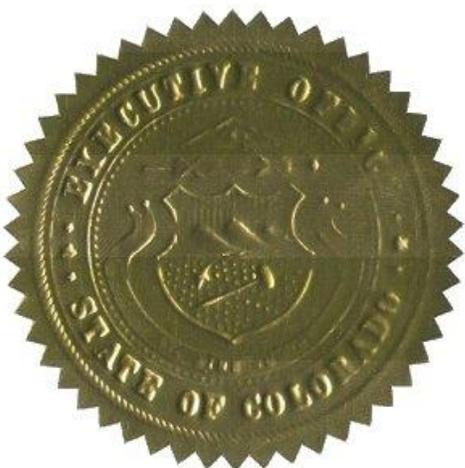
WHEREAS, Coloradans are encouraged to learn about the essential service provided for all of us by local building departments, fire prevention offices, and state agencies in protecting lives and property;

Therefore, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim, May 2018, as

BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

in the State of Colorado.

*GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State of
Colorado, this first day of May, 2018*



John W. Hickenlooper
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Governor