



WHEREAS, our state's continuing efforts to address the critical issues of safety, energy efficiency, water conservation, and sustainability in the built environment that affect our citizens, both in everyday life and in times of natural disaster, give us confidence that our structures are safe and sound; and,

WHEREAS, our confidence is achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians—building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, laborers, and others in the construction industry—who work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings; and,

WHEREAS, these guardians develop and implement the highest-quality codes to protect Americans in the buildings where we live, learn, work, worship, and play; and,

WHEREAS, the International Codes—the most widely adopted building safety, energy, and fire prevention codes in the nation, used by most cities, counties, and states—include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildfires, and earthquakes; and,

WHEREAS, Building Safety Month reminds 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; and,

WHEREAS, "Building Codes Saves Lives" is the theme for this year's Building Safety Month and 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; and,

WHEREAS, Building Safety Month 2018 encourages appropriate steps everyone can take to ensure that our interior environments are safe and sustainable, 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 projects to improve building safety and sustainability at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us by local and state building departments and federal agencies in protecting lives and property;

*THEREFORE, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim May 2018 as **BUILDING SAFETY MONTH** in Illinois and encourage all citizens to join with their communities in participation in Building Safety Month.*

In Witness Whereof, *I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.*



Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,
this TWENTY-NINTH *day of* MARCH, *in*
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
EIGHTEEN, *and of the State of Illinois,*
two hundredth.

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SECRETARY OF STATE

Bruce Rauner
GOVERNOR