The State of Washington

Proclamation

WHEREAS, our growth and strength depends on the safety and economic value of our homes, buildings, and infrastructure, everyday and in times of natural disaster; and

WHEREAS, our confidence in the structural integrity of these buildings is thanks to 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 expert local, state, and federal officials to create and implement the highest-quality codes to protect us in the buildings where we live, learn, work, worship, and play; and

WHEREAS, our nation benefits economically and technologically from using the most widely-adopted modern building safety and fire prevention codes in the nation, known as the International Codes®, which are voluntary consensus codes and standards that include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires, floods, and earthquakes; and

WHEREAS, Building Safety Month is sponsored by the International Code Council to remind the public about the critical role of our communities' local code officials who assure us of safe, efficient, and livable buildings; and

WHEREAS, "Building Codes Save Lives" the theme for Building Safety Month 2018, recognizes that countless lives have been saved due to the implementation of safety codes by local and state agencies;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2018 to be

Building Safety Month

in Washington, and I encourage all people in our state to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 24th day of April, 2018

Governor Jay Inslee