

BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

April 27, 2017

WHEREAS, Alaskans benefit from maintaining and improving the safety and economic value of homes, buildings, and infrastructure that serve our citizens, both in everyday life and in times of natural disaster; and

WHEREAS, the structural integrity of the buildings in our communities and our confidence in them are a result of the devotion of professionals such as 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, the International Code Council, a U.S. based organization, brings together local, State and federal officials that are experts in the built environment who create and implement the highest-quality codes to protect us in the buildings where we live, learn, work, worship, and play; and

WHEREAS, we encourage Alaskans to be aware of and take measures to prevent potential risks including fire, natural disasters or emergencies, backyard and pool accidents, and electrical failures or malfunctions that can contribute to injury, fires, and even death; and

WHEREAS, "Code Officials – Partners in Community Safety and Economic Growth," the theme for Building Safety Month 2017, encourages appropriate steps everyone can take to ensure that our buildings 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, Alaskans can consider a commitment to building safety and economic investment at home and in the community, and acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us by professionals who enforce and adhere to safe building codes.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Walker, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA, do hereby proclaim May, 2017 as:

Building Safety Month

in Alaska, and encourage all Alaskans to educate themselves, practice safe building methods, adhere to appropriate building and electrical codes, and to keep our families and communities safe and secure.