



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

PROCLAMATION
BUILDING SAFETY MONTH
MAY 2017

WHEREAS, North Dakota is committed to recognizing that our growth and strength depend on 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, 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—dedicated members of the International Code Council, a U.S.-based organization—bring together local, state, and federal officials who are experts to implement the highest-quality codes to protect Americans in the buildings where we live, learn, work, worship, and play; 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 – or our local code officials – who assure us of safe, efficient and livable buildings that are essential to keeping America great; and

WHEREAS, “Code Officials: Partners in Community Safety and Economic Growth” is the theme for Building Safety Month 2017, encouraging all Americans to raise awareness of the importance of constructing safe and resilient buildings and of fire prevention, disaster mitigation, and new technologies in the construction industry. Building Safety Month 2017 encourages appropriate steps we 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 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 2017 **BUILDING SAFETY MONTH** in the State of North Dakota.


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ATTEST:


Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State