#### STATE OF OHIO

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#### RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, our state's continuing efforts to address the critical issues of safety, energy efficiency and sustainability in the built environment that affects 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—dedicated members of the International Code Council—develop and implement the highest-quality codes to protect Americans in the buildings where we live, learn, work, worship, play; and

**WHEREAS**, Building Safety Month is sponsored by the International Code Council and International Code Council Foundation, to remind 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, "Code Officials—Partners in Community Safety and Economic Growth," the theme for Building Safety Month 2017, encourages all Americans to raise awareness of the importance of building safety; fire prevention; disaster mitigation; backyard safety; energy efficiency and new technologies in the construction industry; and

**WHEREAS**, Building Safety Month encourages appropriate steps everyone can take to ensure that the places where we live, learn, work, worship and play 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, John R. Kasich and Mary Taylor, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize May 2017 as

## **BUILDING SAFETY MONTH**

throughout Ohio and encourage all Ohioans to join us in its observance.

On this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 2017;

John R. Kasich Governor

Lieutenant Governor