

INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL
**BUILDING
SAFETY** 

Proclamation

Building Safety Month — May, 2018

Whereas, the National Institute of Building Sciences was established by Congress to advise the public and private sectors on the use of building science and technology to achieve nationally acceptable standards and other technical provisions to improve the living environment. The Institute recognizes that communities and the nation as a whole depend on the safety and economic value of the 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 the buildings that make up our communities are 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 are dedicated members of their professions and work collaboratively through organizations like the International Code Council to create and implement the highest-quality codes and standards to protect us in the buildings where we live, learn, work, worship and play, and;

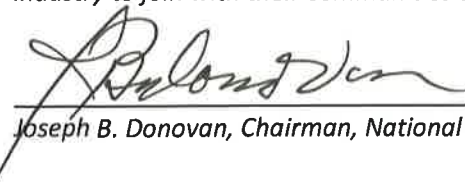
Whereas, the voluntary, consensus development process, relying on the engagement of all stakeholders, including representatives from government, benefits the nation economically and technologically through the input of technical experts, the provision of consistent model criteria and well-defined processes for their regular updating. These modern building codes help 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' largely unknown guardians of public safety—our local code officials—who assure that our buildings are safe, efficient and livable, which is essential to keeping America great, and;

Whereas, "Building Codes Save Lives" the theme for Building Safety Month 2018, 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. Building Safety Month 2018 encourages appropriate steps everyone 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 the commitment to improve building safety and economic investment at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us by local and state building departments, fire prevention bureaus and federal agencies in protecting lives and property.

NOW, THEREFORE, The National Institute of Building Sciences does hereby proclaim the month of May 2018 as Building Safety Month. Accordingly, the Institute encourages all citizens and members of the building industry to join with their communities to participate in Building Safety Month activities.



Joseph B. Donovan, Chairman, National Institute of Building Sciences