



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, our state works relentlessly to address the critical issues of safety, energy efficiency, and resilience in buildings that affect our citizens both in everyday life and in times of natural disaster; these continuing efforts give us confidence that our structures are safe and sound—a confidence achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians, including 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 are dedicated members of the International Code Council, a group which uses a governmental consensus process that brings together local, state, and federal officials with expertise in the built environment to create and implement the highest-quality codes to protect Americans in the buildings where we live, learn, work, worship, and play; and

WHEREAS, the International Codes, the most widely adopted building safety, energy, and fire prevention codes in the nation, are used by most United States cities, counties, and states; these modern building codes also include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildfires, 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 as guardians of public safety, and to recognize our local code officials who work to ensure safe, efficient, and habitable buildings; and

WHEREAS, the theme for Building Safety Month 2017, *Building Safety: Code Officials – Partners in Community Safety and Economic Growth*, encourages all North Carolinians to recognize the importance of building safety, green and resilient buildings, water recreation facility (pool, spa, and hot tub) safety, backyard safety, and new technologies in the construction industry; Building Safety Month 2017 encourages the appropriate steps everyone can take to ensure that the places where we live, learn, work, worship, and play are safe and efficient, 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, North Carolinians are asked to consider projects to improve building safety and efficiency at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential service provided to all by local and state building departments and federal agencies in protecting lives and property;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Roy Cooper, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May, 2017, as “**BUILDING SAFETY MONTH**” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.





Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twentieth day of April in the year of our Lord two-thousand and seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-first.