



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

2021

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, North Carolina recognizes that our growth and strength depend in part on the safety and economic value of our homes, buildings, and infrastructure in everyday life and in times of natural disaster; and

WHEREAS, building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, design professionals, laborers, and others in the construction industry work year-round to ensure the safe construction of these buildings; and

WHEREAS, these professionals are dedicated members of the International Code Council, a United States based organization that brings together local, state, and federal officials to create and implement the highest-quality codes to protect us in the buildings where we live, learn, work, worship, and play; and

WHEREAS, the International Codes are developed by a voluntary consensus codes and standards developing organization, and are the most widely adopted building safety and fire prevention codes in the nation; these modern building codes include safeguards to 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 local code officials, who assure us of safe, efficient buildings; and

WHEREAS, the theme for Building Safety Month 2021, *Prevent, Prepare, Protect. Building Codes Save*, encourages all North Carolinians to raise awareness about the importance of safe and resilient construction; fire prevention; disaster mitigation; energy conservation; water safety; training; and new technologies; and

WHEREAS, each May, people are encouraged recommit to improve building safety and economic investment at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential service provided by local and state building departments, fire prevention bureaus, and federal agencies in protecting lives and property;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May, 2021, 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 fifth day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-one and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-fifth.