

STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Minnesota's continuing efforts to address the critical issues of safety, energy efficiency, water

conservation, and resilience in the built environments that affect 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 fortified by the diligence of building safety and fire prevention officials,

architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, laborers and others in the construction industry – who work year-round to ensure the safe construction and maintenance of our buildings; and

WHEREAS: Dedicated members of the International Code Council use 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, play; and

WHEREAS: Our nation benefits economically and technologically from using the International Codes® that are

developed by a national, voluntary consensus codes and standards developing organization; and

WHEREAS: Our government is able to avoid the high cost and complexity of developing and maintaining these

codes, which are the most widely adopted building safety and fire prevention codes in the nation;

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 safe and resilient construction; fire prevention; disaster mitigation, 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2017, as:

BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 12^{th} day of May.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE