



Proclamation

Building Safety Month — May, 2020

Whereas, the Northern Michigan Code Officials Association is committed to recognizing that our communities growth and strength depends 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 these buildings that make up our communities is achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians—building safety and fire prevention officials, working in conjunction with architects, engineers, builders, trades people, 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 the International Code Council, a nonprofit that brings together local, state and federal officials that are experts in the built environment to create and implement the highest-quality codes to protect us in the buildings where we live, learn, work, 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, which are used as a base for the Michigan Codes, our members jurisdictions are 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 world;

Whereas, these modern building codes include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires, floods and earthquake; as well as man made disasters caused by sub standard construction practices, 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 protectors of public safety—the local code officials—who assure the public of safe, efficient and livable buildings that are essential to America's prosperity, and;

Whereas, "Safer Buildings, Safer Communities, Safer World," the theme for Building Safety Month 2020, encourages all Americans to raise awareness about the importance of safe and resilient construction; fire prevention; disaster mitigation, and new technologies in the construction industry. Building Safety Month 2020 encourages appropriate steps everyone can take to ensure the safety of our built environment, and recognizes that the implementation of safety codes by local and state agencies has saved lives and protected homes and businesses, 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 the public by local and state building departments, fire prevention bureaus and federal agencies in protecting lives and property.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, The Membership of The Northern Michigan Code Officials Association do hereby proclaim the month of May 2020 as Building Safety Month. Accordingly, we encourage the citizens of our communities to recognize the importance of the Code Officials of their communities and their role of ensuring safe and code compliant structures and buildings within their communities.

Signed on behalf of the NMCOA membership, Martin Van Berlo, Education Chair, NMCOA

April 20, 2020
Date