



Proclamation

Building Safety Month — May, 2023

Whereas, the membership of the Northern Michigan Code Officials Association is committed to recognizing that our growth and strength depends on the safety and essential role our homes, buildings and infrastructure play, both in everyday life and when disaster strikes, and;

Whereas, our confidence in the resilience of these buildings that make up our community is achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians such as building safety and fire prevention officials, along with 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 structures, and;

Whereas, these guardians are dedicated members of the International Code Council, a nonprofit that brings together local, state, territorial, tribal and federal officials who 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, and on which the Michigan Codes are based, 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 world;

Whereas, these modern building codes include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters and hazards such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires, floods and earthquakes; 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, our local code officials, who assure us of safe, sustainable and affordable buildings that are essential to our prosperity, and;

Whereas, "It Starts With You," the theme for Building Safety Month 2023, encourages us all to raise awareness about planning for safe and sustainable construction; career opportunities in building safety; understanding disaster mitigation, energy conservation; and creating a safe and abundant water supply to all of our benefit, and;

Whereas, each year, in observance of Building Safety Month, people all over the world are asked to consider the commitment to improve building safety, resilience 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, we, The members of the Northern Michigan Code Officials Association do hereby proclaim the month of May 2023 as Building Safety Month. Accordingly, we encourage our citizens 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, Bryan Stein, President - NMCOA

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Date