

WHEREAS; ensuring the health and safety of all Wisconsinites, regardless of race, gender, income, or ZIP code, is a priority for our state, and we recognize that our growth and strength as a state depends on the safety and economic value of the homes, buildings, and infrastructure that serve our residents; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin has long been a leader in designing, constructing, and maintaining safe buildings where all people can live, learn, work, play, heal, worship, and visit; and

WHEREAS; created and implemented by the International Code Council, the International Codes are the most widely adopted building safety, energy, and fire prevention codes nationwide, and include important safeguards to protect folks from natural disasters, such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildfires, floods, and earthquakes; and

WHEREAS; we appreciate the contributions of the dedicated International Code Council members, including building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, design professionals, laborers, plumbers, and others in the construction industry, who work to ensure the safe construction of buildings and overall public safety; and

WHEREAS; on this occasion, we are reminded of the critical role of our communities' largely unsung protectors of public safety—our local code officials—who assure us of the safety, efficiency, and livability of buildings throughout our state; and

WHEREAS; the theme of this year's Building Safety Month, "Prevent, Prepare, Protect. Building Codes Save," 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; and

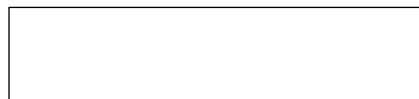
WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin reaffirms its commitment to addressing the critical issues of safety, energy efficiency, water conservation, water quality, and sustainability in buildings throughout our state, both in everyday life and in times of natural disaster, and joins all Wisconsinites in acknowledging the essential inspection and enforcement services provided by city, village, town, county, tribal, and state officials that ensure our structures are safe and sound;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim May 2021 as

BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 7th day of April 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State