WHEREAS; ensuring the health and safety of all Wisconsinites is a priority for the state, and the growth and strength of the state depend on the safety and economic value of homes, buildings, and infrastructure statewide, both in everyday life and when disasters strike; and

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin has long been committed to being a leader in designing, constructing, and maintaining safe buildings where all people can live, learn, work, grow, heal, worship, and visit; and

WHEREAS; created and implemented by the International Code Council—a nonprofit that brings together local, state, territorial, Tribal, and federal officials who are experts in the built environment—the International Codes are the most widely adopted building safety, energy, and fire prevention codes nationwide, and include important safeguards to protect folks from hazards such as snowstorms, tornadoes, wildfires, hurricanes, earthquakes, and floods; and

WHEREAS; the building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, design professionals, laborers, plumbers, and others in the trades and construction industry who make up the International Code Council are greatly appreciated by the people of Wisconsin for their tireless efforts to ensure the safe construction and resilience of the state's buildings and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS; on this occasion, it is important to acknowledge the critical role of local code officials, who are the largely unsung protectors of public safety, that constantly assure the public of the safety, efficiency, and livability of buildings throughout the state; and

WHEREAS; the theme of this year's Building Safety Month, "It Starts with You," highlights the important role that every individual plays in raising awareness of building safety on a personal, local, and global scale; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin reaffirms its commitment to improving safety, resilience, and economic investment in its buildings and joins all Wisconsinites in acknowledging the essential services provided by village, town, city, county, Tribal, state, and federal code officials that ensure structures throughout the state are safe and sound;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim May 2023 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	e at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 14th day of April 202	23
TONY EVERS, Governor		
By the Governor:		

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State