WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin has historically been a leader in the safety of our buildings, having the “Safe Place Statutes” in place since 1913; and

WHEREAS, our state must make concrete efforts to address the critical issues of safety, energy efficiency, water conservation, water quality, and sustainability in buildings that affect our citizens, both in everyday life and in times of natural disaster, to ensure that our structures are safe and sound; and

WHEREAS, confidence in infrastructure across our state is achieved in part through the devotion of vigilant guardians – building safety officials, fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, laborers and others in the construction industry – who work year-round to ensure the construction of safe buildings along with the dedicated members of the International Code Council who develop and implement the highest-quality codes to protect our citizens in the buildings where we live, learn, work, worship, play, and visit; and

WHEREAS, the International Codes, the most widely adopted building safety, energy, and fire prevention codes in the nation, are used by most U.S. cities, counties and states; and

WHEREAS, the “No Code. No Confidence” theme for 2019, as sponsored by the International Code Council, raises awareness about the importance of building safety to ensure that the places we frequent are safe, and recognizes that countless lives have been saved due to the implementation of safety codes by local and state agencies; and

WHEREAS, during observance of Building Safety Month, Wisconsin residents are asked to acknowledge the essential inspection and enforcement services provided by city, village, town, county, and state officials to reaffirm our commitment to building safety across our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim May 2019 as

BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.

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 29th day of April 2019.

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State