

## Spencer I. Çox Çobernor

## Declaration

**Whereas**, the state of Utah is committed to recognizing that our growth and strength depend on the safety of homes, buildings and infrastructure in everyday life and when disasters strike;

**Bhereas**, our confidence in the resilience of these buildings is achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians — building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, design professionals, laborers, plumbers and others — who work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings;

**Whereas**, these professionals 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 buildings where we live, learn, work and play;

**Whereas**, modern building codes include safeguards to protect the public from hazards such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires, floods and earthquakes; and,

**Bhereas**, "Mission Possible," the theme for Building Safety Month 2024, encourages our citizens to consider the commitment to improve building safety, sustainability, resilience and economic investment at home and in communities, 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;

**Dow, therefore,** I, Spencer J. Cox, governor of the state of Utah, do hereby declare May 2024 as

Building Safety Month in Utah

Spencer J. Cox Governor