Declaration

Whereas, our growth and strength depend on the safety and economic value of the homes, buildings, and infrastructure that serve our citizens, both in everyday life and in times of natural disaster;

Whereas, our confidence in the structural integrity of our 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 in the construction industry—who work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings;

Whereas, these guardians are dedicated members of the International Code Council, which brings together expert local, state, and federal officials to create and implement the highest-quality codes to protect us in the buildings where we live, learn, work, and play;

Whereas, modern building codes include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes,
wildland fires, floods and earthquake; which provide $11 in future mitigation benefits for every dollar invested;

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, efficient, and livable buildings;

Whereas, "No Code. No Confidence." as the theme for Building Safety Month 2019, encourages all Americans to raise awareness of the importance of safe and resilient construction, fire prevention, disaster mitigation, and new technologies in the construction industry; and

Whereas, each year, in observance of Building Safety Month, Americans are asked to consider the commitment to improve building safety 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, I, Gary R. Herbert, Governor of the great State of Utah, do hereby declare May 2019 as

Building Safety Month in Utah

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Gary R. Herbert
Governor