

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA     )  
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COUNTY OF RICHLAND         )

**A PROCLAMATION**

**A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF MAY 2016 AS BUILDING SAFETY MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, Richland County's continues efforts to address the critical issues of safety, energy, efficiency, water conservation, and resilience in the building industry that affect our citizens, both in everyday life and in times of natural disaster, give us confidence that our structures are safe and sound; and

**WHEREAS**, our confidence is achieved through the vigilance of building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, laborers and others in the construction industry-who work year-round to ensure safe construction of buildings; and

**WHEREAS**, the dedicated members of the International Code of Council use the process of a governmental consensus that join local, state and federal officials with expertise in the built environment to create and implement the highest code standards to protect Americans in the buildings we live, work, worship and

**WHEREAS**, the International Codes, the most widely adopted building safety, energy and fire prevention codes in the nation, are used by most US cities, counties and states; these building codes also include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wild fires, floods and earthquakes; and

**WHEREAS**, Building Safety Month is sponsored by the International Code Council, to remind the public about the critical role of these unsung heroes of public safety, our local code officials, who assure us of safe, efficient and livable buildings; and

**WHEREAS**, the theme of Building Safety Month is to encourage all Americans to raise awareness of the importance of safe and resilient construction of our buildings; and to ensure that appropriate steps are implemented for safe sustainable buildings; and


**WHEREAS**, each year, in observance of Building Safety Month, Americans are asked to consider projects to improve building safety and sustainability 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; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that Torrey Rush, District 7, and the Richland County Council does hereby proclaim the month of May 2016 as Building Safety Month, and accordingly encourage citizens of the county to join with their communities in participation in Building Safety Month activities.

**SIGNED AND SEALED** this 19th April of 2016

  
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Torrey Rush, Chairman  
Richland County Council

**ATTEST** this 19th April of 2016

  
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Michelle Onley, Deputy Clerk to Council