



STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

# Proclamation

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey is committed to recognizing that our growth and strength depends 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; and

WHEREAS, our confidence in the structural integrity of these buildings that make up our community 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; and

WHEREAS, these guardians are dedicated members of the International Code Council, a nonprofit that brings together building safety professionals and lawmakers to create and implement the highest-quality codes to protect us in the buildings where we live, learn, work, play; and

WHEREAS, our communities benefit economically and technologically from using modern, up-to-date codes and standards, including the International Codes, which are the most widely adopted building safety and fire prevention codes in the world; and

WHEREAS, these modern building codes include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires, floods and earthquakes; which, according to a study by the U.S. National Institute of Building Sciences, provide \$11 in future mitigation benefits for every dollar invested; and

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 that are essential to our prosperity; and

WHEREAS, "Safer Buildings, Safer Communities, Safer World," the theme for Building Safety Month 2020, encourages all individuals to raise awareness about the importance of safe and resilient construction; fire prevention; disaster mitigation, and new technologies in the construction industry. Building Safety Month 2020 encourages appropriate steps everyone can take to ensure the safety of our built environment, and recognizes that the implementation of safety codes by local, regional and international agencies has saved lives and protected homes and businesses; and

WHEREAS, each year, in observance of Building Safety Month, citizens worldwide are asked to consider the commitment to improve building safety and economic investment at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential services provided to all of us by building departments, fire prevention bureaus and other agencies in protecting lives and property; and

WHEREAS, the International Code Council has chosen the State of New Jersey's Building Safety Conference to begin Building Safety Month in 2020, with the Code Council Leadership Week;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip D. Murphy, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

MAY 2020

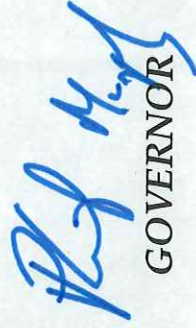
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BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

in New Jersey.



Lt. GOVERNOR



GOVERNOR

GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this tenth day of February in the year two thousand twenty, the two hundred forty-fourth year of the Independence of the United States.