



WHEREAS, Colorado's growth and strength depend on the safety of the homes and buildings that serve our citizens in everyday life and in times of natural disaster; and,

WHEREAS, the integrity of these buildings is achieved through the dedication of building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, design professionals, laborers, plumbers and others in the construction industry—who work together year-round to ensure the safe and efficient construction of buildings; and,

WHEREAS, these guardians are dedicated members of the International Code Council, a nonprofit that brings together local, state and federal officials to protect us in the buildings where we live, learn, work, play; and,

WHEREAS, our state benefits economically and technologically from using the International Codes that are developed by code officials and other experts using a national, governmental consensus process, by which each state agency and local government avoids the high cost and complexity of creating and maintaining their own codes; and,

WHEREAS, these building codes include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildfires and floods; and,

WHEREAS, Building Safety Month reminds the public about the vital role of the largely unknown protectors of public safety—our local code officials—who assure us of safe, efficient and livable buildings, that are essential to keep Colorado great; and,

WHEREAS, "Safer Buildings, Safer Communities, Safer World," the theme for Building Safety Month 2020; and,

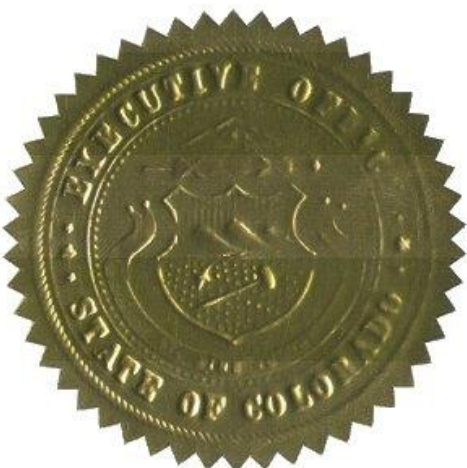
WHEREAS, Coloradans are asked to learn about the importance of safe, efficient and resilient buildings and to acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us by local building departments, fire prevention bureaus and state and federal agencies in protecting lives and property;

Therefore, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim, May 2020, as

BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

in the State of Colorado.

*GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State of Colorado,
this first day of May, 2020*

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jared Polis".

*Jared Polis
Governor*