## PROCLAMATION AGENDA ITEM NO. 4.2

## Building Safety Month ~ May 2021

- WHEREAS, the City of Elk Grove's commitment to recognizing community growth and continuing efforts to address the critical issues of safety, energy efficiency, water conservation, and resilience in the built environment 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 devotion of vigilant guardians—building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, laborers and others in the construction industry—who work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings; and
- WHEREAS, the California Building Code, the Elk Grove Municipal Code and the City of Elk Grove Building Safety Division in coordination with the Cosumnes Fire Department and Fire Prevention staff that administer the code ensure these safeguards protect the public from natural disasters such as storms, tornadoes, wildland fires, floods and earthquakes; and
- WHEREAS, Building Safety Month exists to remind the public about the critical role of our communities' largely unknown guardians of public safety—our local code officials—who assure us of safe, efficient, and livable buildings that are essential to the community; and
- WHEREAS, "Building Codes: Driving Growth through Innovation, Resilience and Safety" the theme for Building Safety Month 2021, encourages all Americans to raise awareness of the importance of building safe and resilient construction; fire prevention; disaster mitigation, water safety and conservation; energy efficiency and new technologies in the construction industry. Building Safety Month 2021 encourages appropriate steps everyone can take to ensure that the places where we live, learn, work, worship and play are safe and sustainable, and recognizes that countless lives have been saved due to the implementation of safety codes by local and state agencies: and
- WHEREAS, the City of Elk Grove strives to innovate through the streamlining of permitting processes and improved communication with our development community in order to ensure that while compliance with codes are achieved they are done so in a way that does not hinder economic vitality; 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 building departments and fire prevention bureaus in protecting lives and property.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Elk Grove hereby proclaim the month of May 2021 as Building Safety Month. Accordingly, we encourage our citizens to join with their communities in participation in Building Safety Month activities.

**SIGNED** this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021

BOBBIE SINGH-ALLEN, MAYOR

UME, COUNCIL MEMBER

KEVIN SPEASE, COUNCIL MEMBER