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GREETINGS:

It gives me great pleasure to join with the International Code Council in recognizing May as Building Safety Month.

Building and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders and others in the construction industry work year round to ensure the safe construction of buildings. These dedicated professionals develop and implement the highest quality codes to protect Americans in the buildings where we live, learn, work, and play. The International Codes, the most widely adopted building safety and fire prevention codes in the nation, are used by most U.S. cities, states, and counties. These modern building safety codes also include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires and earthquakes.

Building Safety Month, presented by the International Code Council and International Code Council Foundation, reminds the public about the critical role of our local code officials who help prevent countless deaths and injuries from fires and accidents. The theme "Commemorating a 30-year Legacy of Leadership" encourages all Americans to raise awareness of the importance of building safety; disaster-resistant, energy efficient, green and sustainable building; pool, spa and hot tub safety; and new technologies in the construction industry. It presents appropriate steps everyone can take to ensure that the places where we live, learn, work and play are safe.

As Governor, in recognition of Building Safety Month, I encourage all citizens to consider projects to improve building safety at home and in the community, and acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us by building safety professionals in protecting lives and property.



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