



WHEREAS, Colorado is committed to recognizing that our growth and strength depends on the safety and essential role our homes and buildings play, both in everyday life and when disasters strike; and

WHEREAS, our confidence in these buildings is achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians—building safety and fire prevention officials, design professionals, builders, tradespeople, laborers, and others in the construction industry—who work year-round to achieve the safe construction of buildings; and

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

WHEREAS, these modern building codes include safeguards to protect the public from hazards such as hail, snowstorms, tornados, wildfire, and floods; and

WHEREAS, Building Safety Month is to remind the public about the critical role of our communities' largely unknown protectors of public safety, - our local code officials; and

WHEREAS, "It Starts With You," the theme for Building Safety Month 2023, raises awareness about building safety and acknowledges the essential service provided to all of us by local building departments and fire protection agencies in protecting lives and property;

THEREFORE, I Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim May 2023, 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, 2023



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

*Jared Polis
Governor*