

# *Proclamation*

## *Board of Commissioners for Washington County*

### NATIONAL BUILDING SAFETY MONTH May 2020

**WHEREAS**, Washington County 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 community, 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**, National Building Safety Month reminds the public about the critical role served by the community’s largely unknown guardians of public safety—our local code officials—who assure us safe, efficient and livable buildings; and

**WHEREAS**, "*SAFER Buildings, SAFER Communities, SAFER World*" the theme for Building Safety Month 2020, encourages all to raise awareness of the importance of preparing for disasters, water safety, technological transformation in building safety and training for the next generation. 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 and state agencies has saved lives and protected homes and businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, each year, in observance of Building Safety Month, we are asked to consider the commitment to improve building safety and economic investment at home and in the community and to acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us by local and state building departments, fire prevention bureaus and federal agencies in protecting lives and property.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that on this 5th day of May 2020, the Washington County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim May 2020 as

#### **“NATIONAL BUILDING SAFETY MONTH”**

in Washington County, and we call upon all residents, businesses and civic organizations to take steps to ensure the places where we live, learn, work, worship and play are safe and sustainable, and to recognize that countless lives have been saved due to the implementation of safety codes by local and state agencies.

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Kathryn Harrington, Washington County Board Chair

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Recording Secretary

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Minute Order