

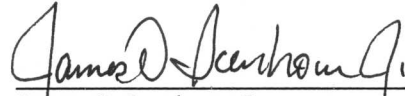
RESOLUTION

DESIGNATING MAY AS BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

- WHEREAS, James City 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 citizens, 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, these guardians are dedicated members of the International Code Council, a United States-based organization, that brings together local, state, and federal officials who are experts in the built environment to create and implement the highest quality codes to protect us in the buildings where we live, learn, work, play; and
- WHEREAS, our nation benefits economically and technologically from using the International Codes® that are developed by a national, voluntary consensus codes and standards developing organization, our government is able to avoid the high cost and complexity of developing and maintaining these codes, which are the most widely adopted building safety and fire prevention codes in the world; and
- WHEREAS, these modern building codes include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires, floods, and earthquakes; which, according to a FEMA-commissioned study by the National Institute of Building Sciences, provide \$11 million in future mitigation benefits for every dollar invested; and
- WHEREAS, Building Safety Month is sponsored by the International Code Council to remind the public about the critical role of our communities' largely unknown protectors of public safety - our local code officials - who assure us of safe, efficient, and livable buildings that are essential to America's prosperity; and
- WHEREAS, "No Code. No Confidence." the theme for Building Safety Month 2019, encourages all Americans to raise awareness of the importance of safe and resilient construction; fire prevention; disaster mitigation, and new technologies in the construction industry. Building Safety Month 2019 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, Americans 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 the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, hereby designates the month of May 2019 as Building Safety Month in James City County.



James O. Icenhour, Jr.
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:



Teresa J. Fellows
Deputy Clerk to the Board

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Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, this 14th day of May, 2019.

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