

## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, safeguarding the health, safety, and welfare of citizens is of paramount concern to all building safety professionals; and

WHEREAS, protection is realized through the devotion and dedication of our building, plumbing, mechanical, electrical, and fire prevention regulators; the design community; and the construction industry, who work year-round to ensure that our buildings are safe; and

WHEREAS, building safety professionals create and influence our built environment through the consensus development and implementation of the highest quality codes; and

WHEREAS, our continuing efforts to maintain the highest quality construction with regard to safety, structural soundness, and sustainable construction methods, and allow the use of emerging technologies in the construction process, give us confidence that structures are durable and reliable and will be the blueprint for the future; and

WHEREAS, Building Safety Month is sponsored by the International Code Council, and promoted statewide by the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development and the Virginia Department of Fire Programs, to promote and inform the public about the critical and often little-known role of the building safety professionals; and

WHEREAS, the theme for Building Safety Month, “Prevent, Prepare, Protect. Building Codes Save,” encourages all citizens to raise awareness of the importance of safe and resilient construction, fire prevention, disaster mitigation, energy conservation and new technologies in the construction industry; and

WHEREAS, Building Safety Month encourages appropriate steps everyone can take to ensure that the places where we live, learn, work, worship, and play are safe, and recognizes that countless lives have been saved due to the implementation of safety codes; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, David Tarter, Mayor of the City of Falls Church, Virginia, do hereby recognize May 2021 as

## BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

in the City of Falls Church and acknowledge and celebrate the essential services provided by the City of Falls Church Building Safety Division in protecting lives and property.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Falls Church, Virginia, to be affixed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021.



  
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David Tarter, Mayor