

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, our growth and strength depends on the safety and economic value of our homes, buildings, and infrastructure, every day and in times of natural disaster; and

**WHEREAS**, our confidence in the structural integrity of these buildings is thanks to building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, design professionals, laborers, 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 Washington Association of Building Officials and International Code Council, a U.S.-based organization that brings together expert local, state, and federal officials to create and implement the highest-quality codes to protect us in the buildings where we live, learn, work, worship, and play; and

**WHEREAS**, our nation benefits economically and technologically from using the International Codes®, which are voluntary consensus codes and standards that include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires, floods, and earthquakes; and

**WHEREAS**, Building Safety Month is sponsored by the International Code Council to remind the public about the critical role of our communities' local code officials who assure us of safe, efficient, and livable buildings; and

**WHEREAS**, "Safer Buildings, Safer Communities, Safer World," the theme for Building Safety Month 2020, encourages all Americans to raise awareness about the importance of safe and resilient construction; fire prevention; disaster mitigation, and new technologies in the construction industry. 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, 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**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim May 2020 to be

### ***Building Safety Month***

in Washington, and I encourage all people in our state to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jay Inslee".

Governor Jay Inslee

