State of Vermont Executive Department A Proclamation

- WHEREAS, Vermont is committed to recognizing our growth and strength depends on the safety and essential role our homes, buildings and infrastructure play in everyday life and when disasters strike; and
- WHEREAS, our confidence in the resilience 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 nonprofit that brings together local, state, territorial, tribal 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 and play; and
- **WHEREAS,** these modern building codes include safeguards to protect the public from hazards such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires, floods and earthquakes; and
- WHEREAS, Building Safety Month is sponsored by the International Code Council Building Safety Association of Vermont 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, sustainable and affordable buildings that are essential to our prosperity; and
- **WHEREAS,** "Safety for All: Building Codes in Action," the theme for Building Safety Month 2022, encourages us all to raise awareness about planning for safe and sustainable construction, career opportunities in building safety, understanding disaster mitigation, energy conservation, and creating a safe and abundant water supply to all for our benefit; and
- **WHEREAS,** each year, in observance of Building Safety Month, people all over the world are asked to consider the commitment to improve building safety, resilience 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, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim May 2022 as

BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 29th day of April, A.D. 2022.

Philip B. Sc Governor



Brittney L**O**WiIson Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs