



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: Minnesota relies upon safety, energy efficiency, water conservation, and resilience in the built environment that affects us in everyday life and in disasters, and give us confidence that our structures are safe and sound; and

WHEREAS: Our confidence is upheld by building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, laborers and others in the construction industry – who work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings; and

WHEREAS: Dedicated members of the International Code Council and the ICC Chapters in Minnesota – use a governmental consensus process that brings together local, state and federal officials with expertise in the built environment to create and implement the highest-quality codes to protect us where we live, learn, work, worship, play; and

WHEREAS: The International Codes are the most widely adopted building safety, energy and fire prevention codes in the nation; these modern building codes also 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 us about the critical role of our communities' largely unknown guardians of public safety – our local code officials – who assure us of safe, efficient and livable buildings; and

WHEREAS: Each year, in observance of Building Safety Month, Americans are asked 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, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2015, as:

## BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

in the state of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the state of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE