NORTH DAKOTA

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BUILDING SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH MAY 2023

WHEREAS, the State of North Dakota is committed to growth that depends on the safety of homes, buildings and infrastructure, both in everyday life and when disasters strike; and

WHEREAS, confidence in the resilience of these buildings 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 support the highest-quality codes to protect citizens; 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 serves to remind the public about the critical role of communities' largely unknown protectors of public safety – local code officials – who assure the public of safe, sustainable and affordable buildings essential to prosperity; and

WHEREAS, "It Starts with You," the theme for Building Safety Month 2023, encourages all citizens to raise awareness about building safety on a personal, local and global scale.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 2023, BUILDING SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH in the State of North Dakota.

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