



State of
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

Doug Burgum
Governor

PROCLAMATION
BUILDING SAFETY MONTH
MAY 2018

WHEREAS, North Dakota is committed to recognizing that our growth and strength depend on the safety and economic value of homes, buildings and infrastructure that serve our citizens, both in everyday life and in times of natural disaster; and

WHEREAS, our confidence in the structural integrity of these buildings that make up our communities is achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians—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—dedicated members of the International Code Council, a U.S.-based organization—bring together local, state and federal officials who are experts to implement the highest-quality codes to protect Americans in the buildings where we live, learn, work, worship and play; and

WHEREAS, Building Safety Month is sponsored by the International Code Council and the North Dakota Building Officials Association to remind the public 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 that are essential to keeping America great; and

WHEREAS, "Building Codes Save Lives," the theme for Building Safety Month 2018, encourages all Americans to raise awareness of the importance of building safe and resilient structures; fire prevention; disaster mitigation; and new technologies in the construction industry; 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, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 2018 **BUILDING SAFETY MONTH** in the State of North Dakota.



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ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State