

# Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

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

**WHEREAS**, confidence in the resiliency of the buildings that make up our community is achieved through the dedication of vigilant guardians that include building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, design professionals, laborers, plumbers, electricians, and others in the construction industry who work every day to ensure the safe construction of buildings; and

**WHEREAS**, the **International Code Council**, with approximately 64,000 members, is the leading global source of model codes and standards and building safety solutions that are used to ensure safe, affordable, and sustainable communities and buildings worldwide, and the organization brings together local, state and federal officials that are experts in the building industry to create and implement the highest quality codes to protect citizens in the communities where they live, learn, work and play; and

**WHEREAS**, developed by the International Code Council, the International Codes (I-Codes) are the most widely adopted building safety and fire prevention codes used by most states, cities, and counties in the United States, and they include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires, floods and earthquakes; and

**WHEREAS**, the International Code Council established **Building Safety Month** to bring awareness of the need for safe and sustainable structures in communities, and about the critical role of the guardians of public safety including local and state building departments, fire prevention bureaus and federal agencies who assure us of safe, sustainable, energy efficient and livable buildings that are essential to our welfare and America's prosperity, and the 2021 Building Safety Month theme is ***Prevent, Prepare, Protect. Building Codes Save*** to encourage people to commit to improved building safety, resiliency, and economic investment for their homes and communities.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jane Castor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2021 as

## **“BUILDING SAFETY MONTH”**

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and encourage all citizens to thank the International Code Council for their commitment to building safety, and to consider projects that improve building safety at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us by local and state building departments and other governmental agencies whose mission is in protecting our lives and property.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2021.



  
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Mayor