

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 industry who work every day to ensure the safe construction of buildings, and the City of Tampa's Construction Services Center is committed to ensuring our community is a leader in safe and sustainable homes and buildings; and

WHEREAS, the **International Code Council (ICC)**, with approximately 64,000 members, is the leading global source of model codes and standards and building safety solutions including product evaluation, accreditation, technology, training, and certification, 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, and the City of Tampa is pleased to welcome the organization to our community on April 29 – May 3, 2023 for their Spring Education Sessions; and

WHEREAS, developed by the ICC, 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 all communities, and to remind the public that our local and state code officials, building departments, fire prevention bureau, and federal agencies assure us of safe, sustainable, energy efficient, livable, and affordable buildings, and the 2023 Building Safety Month theme is ***It Starts with You*** to encourage us all to raise awareness about building safety on personal, local, and global scale.

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 2023, as

“BUILDING SAFETY MONTH”

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and encourage all citizens to consider projects that improve building safety at home and in the community, 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, and to thank the International Code Council for their commitment to building safety.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 3rd day of April 2023.



Jane Castor
Mayor