

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa is committed to recognizing that our growth and strength depends on the safety, economic value, and essential role the homes, buildings, and infrastructure play in both our 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 **Building Officials Association of Florida (BOAF)** is the state chapter of the **International Code Council (ICC)**, a nonprofit that brings together local, state, territorial, tribal, and federal officials who are experts creating and implementing the highest quality codes to protect people in buildings where they live, learn, work, and play, and the organization is the leading global source of model codes and standards and building safety solutions; and

WHEREAS, developed by the ICC, the International Codes (I-Codes), a family of fifteen coordinated, modern building safety codes, are the industry's most trusted authentic resource that provides access to hundreds of codes and standards and are the most widely adopted building safety and fire prevention codes used by most states, cities, and counties nationwide, and they include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires, floods, and earthquakes; and

WHEREAS, the ICC 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 bureaus, and federal agencies assure us of safe, sustainable, energy efficient, livable, and affordable buildings, and the 2024 Building Safety Month theme is *Mission Possible* that encourages us 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 2024, 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 includes protecting our lives and property, and to thank the International Code Council and the Building Council of Florida for their commitment to safety.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 10th day of April 2024.



Jane Castor

Mayor