



Proclamation

In Recognition of

Building Safety Month

WHEREAS, the State of Hawai'i recognizes that our growth and our 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, our confidence in the structural integrity of these buildings is achieved through the dedicated work of building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, design professionals, laborers and others in the construction industry who work to ensure safe construction of buildings and develop safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as hurricanes, tsunamis, fires, floods and earthquakes; and

WHEREAS, Building Code Safety Month is sponsored by the International Code Council, a U.S.-based organization that includes local, state and national officials, to remind the public about the critical role of our communities' largely unknown guardians of public safety—our local code officials—who ensure that we live and work in safe and energy efficient buildings that are essential to our islands' sustainability; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme, "Code of Officials – Partners in Community Safety and Economic Growth," raises awareness of the importance of safe and resilient construction, fire prevention, disaster mitigation, and new technologies in the construction industry; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of Building Safety Month, everyone is asked to consider improving building safety and investing at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential services provided by local and state building departments, fire prevention bureaus and federal agencies in protecting lives and property; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i State Building Code Council (SBCC), comprised of eleven representatives from the building industry, design profession and code offices, review, amend and adopt the national codes every three years to ensure that our state and county codes are up-to-date;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim May 2017 as

"BUILDING SAFETY MONTH"

and urge the citizens of the State of Hawai'i to recognize the importance of safety codes and the role of local agencies and professionals who ensure the safety of the places where we live, learn, work, worship and play.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this seventh day of April 2017.

Handwritten signature of David Y. Ige.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

Handwritten signature of Shan S. Tsutsui.

SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i