



Proclamation

In Recognition of

Building Safety Month

WHEREAS, the State of Hawai'i recognizes that our growth and strength depend on the safety and economic value of the homes, buildings, and infrastructure that serve our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the International Code Council (ICC) is a U.S. organization that brings together local, state, and federal experts to create and implement the highest quality codes in construction to protect us in the buildings where we live, learn, work, and worship; and

WHEREAS, members of ICC include safety personnel, fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, design professionals, laborers, and the construction industry; and

WHEREAS, building codes establish minimum requirements necessary to provide protection from tragedy caused by fire, structural collapse and general deterioration, and reduce property losses; and

WHEREAS, our state and nation benefit economically and technologically from the International Codes, which include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires, floods, and earthquake; and

WHEREAS, local code officials play a critical role in implementing safety codes and ensuring efficient and livable buildings for the public; and

WHEREAS, "Building Codes Save Lives," the theme for Building Safety Month 2018, aims to raise awareness of the importance of safe and resilient construction, fire prevention, disaster mitigation, and new technologies in the construction industry;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, DOUGLAS S. CHIN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim the month of May as

"Building Safety Month"

in Hawai'i, and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in acknowledging 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 in our communities.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-fourth day of April 2018.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

DOUGLAS S. CHIN
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i