

# PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle is committed to recognizing that our growth and strength depends on the safety and essential role our homes, buildings, and infrastructure play – both in everyday life and when disasters strike; and

WHEREAS, our confidence in the resilience of these buildings that make up our community is achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians – building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, design professionals, laborers, plumbers, and others in the construction industry – who work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings; and

WHEREAS, these guardians are dedicated members of the International Code Council, a nonprofit that brings together local, state, territorial, tribal, and federal officials who are experts in the built environment to create and implement the highest-quality codes to protect us in the buildings where we live, learn, work and play; and

WHEREAS, these modern building codes include safeguards to protect the public from hazards such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires, floods; and

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle is committed to a developing a robust program to require the retrofiting of unreinforced masonry buildings across the city to protect our community and historic neighborhoods in the event of an earthquake; and


WHEREAS, Building Safety Month is sponsored by the International Code Council to remind the public about the critical role of our communities’ largely unknown protectors of public safety – our local code officials – who assure us of safe, sustainable, and affordable buildings that are essential to our prosperity; and

WHEREAS, “Safety for All: Building Codes in Action,” the theme for Building Safety Month 2022, encourages us all to raise awareness about planning for safe and sustainable construction; career opportunities in building safety; understanding disaster mitigation, energy conservation; and creating a safe and abundant water supply to all of our benefit; and

WHEREAS, each year, in observance of Building Safety Month, people all over the world are asked to consider the commitment to improve building safety, resilience and economic investment at home and in the community, and to acknowledge 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;

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRUCE A. HARRELL, MAYOR OF SEATTLE, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF MAY 2022 TO BE*

## **BUILDING SAFETY MONTH**



Mayor Bruce A. Harrell  
City of Seattle

