

Monterey County Board of Supervisors

Resolution

Resolution No.: 23-156

Adopt Resolution Proclaiming the Month of May 2023 as )
Building Safety Month in Monterey County..... )

WHEREAS, The County of Monterey 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 residents, both in everyday life and in times of natural disaster; and

WHEREAS, Our confidence in the structural integrity 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 United States based organization, that brings together local, state and federal officials that 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, Our nation benefits economically and technologically from using the International Codes® that are developed by a national, voluntary consensus codes and standards developing organization, our government is able to avoid the high cost and complexity of developing and maintaining these codes, which are the most widely adopted building safety and fire prevention codes in the world; and

WHEREAS, These modern building codes include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires, floods, and earthquakes; 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, efficient, and livable buildings that are essential to America's prosperity; and

WHEREAS, "Building Safety Starts with You!" the theme for Building Safety Month 2023, encourages all Americans to raise awareness of the importance of safe and resilient construction; fire prevention; disaster mitigation, and new technologies in the construction industry. Building Safety Month 2023 encourages appropriate steps everyone can take to ensure the safety of our built environment, and recognizes that the implementation of safety codes by local and state agencies has saved lives and protected homes and businesses; and

WHEREAS, Each year, in observance of Building Safety Month, Americans are asked to consider the commitment to improve building safety 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 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, hereby proclaims the month of May 2023 as Building Safety Month.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 9th day of May 2023

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