

**Executive Department**

State of California

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***May – Building Safety Month***

*Whereas*, our state's continuing efforts to address the critical issues of safety, energy efficiency, and resilience in the built environment that affect the citizens of California, both in everyday life and in times of natural disaster, gives us confidence that our structures are safe and sound; and

*Whereas*, our confidence is achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians—building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, designers, builders, tradespeople, laborers and others in the construction industry—who work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings; and

*Whereas*, the California Building Standards Code (Title 24, California Code of Regulations) includes safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as earthquakes, wildfires, mudslides and floods it also incorporates the most practical and current green building codes to lessen the impact buildings have on the environment, and

*Whereas*, Building Safety Month encourages all Californian's to raise awareness of the importance of building safety; green and sustainable building practices; swimming pool, spa and hot tub safety; backyard safety; smoke and carbon dioxide (co2) detection, and new technologies in the construction industry; and

*Whereas*, each year, in observance of Building Safety Month, Californians are asked to consider building safety and sustainability at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us by local and state building departments in protecting lives and property.

Sincerely,

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.