

## City of McKinney Proclamation

**Whereas**, our city recognizes that growth and strength depend 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 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 (ICC), a nonprofit organization that brings together local, state 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, play, and;

**Whereas,** these International Codes are developed by a national, voluntary consensus codes and standards organization; are the most widely adopted building safety and fire prevention codes in the world, and benefits our nation economically and technologically by reducing the costs and complexity of developing and maintaining these codes;

Whereas, these modern building codes include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires, floods and earthquake, and;

Whereas, the ICC sponsors Building Safety Month to remind us about our community's 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,** this year's theme, "Safer Buildings, Safer Communities, Safer World," encourages all Americans to raise awareness about the importance of safe and resilient construction, fire prevention, disaster mitigation, and new technologies in construction; encourages appropriate steps everyone can take to ensure the safety of our built environment; and recognizes that the implementation of safety codes saves lives, and protects homes and businesses, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE C. FULLER, BY THE POWER VESTED IN ME AS THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF MAY 2020 AS

## **BUILDING SAFETY MONTH**

IN THIS CITY, ENCOURAGING ALL RESIDENTS TO SUPPORT AND ENDEAVOR 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.

ATTEST:

EMPRESS DRANE, City Secretary

GEORGE C. FULLER, Mayor