

## Region IX Building Safety Month 2024 Proclamation

Whereas our Regional Chapter is committed to recognizing that the growth and strength of our region depends on the safety and essential role our homes, buildings and infrastructure in everyday life and when disasters strike, and;

Whereas our confidence in the resilience of these buildings is achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians—building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, design professionals, laborers, plumbers and others—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 buildings where we live, learn, work and play, and;

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

Whereas "Mission Possible," the theme for Building Safety Month 2024, encourages our citizens to consider the commitment to improve building safety, sustainability, resilience and economic investment at home and in communities, 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, Amy Heath, President of the Gulf Coast Region IX Chapter of the International Code Council, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2024 as Building Safety Month. Accordingly, I encourage our members and citizens of our region to join us as we participate in Building Safety Month activities.

Amy Heath, President of the Gulf Coast Region IX