



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

WHEREAS: Building Safety Month serves to recognize the crucial role of code officials who assure safe, efficient, and livable buildings for Georgia citizens. These individuals support the growth and improvement of building codes to further advance the safety and economic value of the homes, buildings, and infrastructures that serve our citizens year-round; and

WHEREAS: The continued efforts of Georgia's code officials to address the critical issues of safety, energy efficiency, and sustainability in everyday life and in times of natural disaster give us confidence that our structures are both durable and dependable; and

WHEREAS: Georgia's building safety code enforcement personnel, such as building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, laborers, and others in the construction industry, offer an invaluable sense of security to citizens across the state in knowing their buildings are structurally sound; and

WHEREAS: Construction codes provide necessary safety measures to protect Americans from dangerous situations, such as snowstorms in the North, hurricanes in the Southeast, tornadoes in the Midwest, forest fires in the Southwest, and earthquakes on the West Coast. As a result, construction codes enhance the safety and security of buildings for citizen use; and

WHEREAS: Sponsored by the International Code Council (ICC), the theme for this year's Building Safety Month is "Code Officials: Partners in Community Safety and Economic Growth." In coordination with ICC and Building Safety Month, the Building Officials Association of Georgia encourages all Georgians to raise awareness of the importance of building safety and to take the appropriate steps to ensure the places we live, learn, work, worship, and play are safe and sustainable; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 2017 as BUILDING SAFETY MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Chris W. Riley*

CHIEF OF STAFF