

*State of Maine*



**WHEREAS**, the State of Maine is committed to recognizing that our growth and strength depends on the safety and essential role our homes, buildings and infrastructure play, both in everyday life and when disasters strike; and

**WHEREAS**, our confidence in the resilience of the buildings that make up our communities is achieved through the 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 dedicated members of the International Code Council, a nonprofit that brings together local, state and federal officials, 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**, these modern building codes include safeguards to protect the public from hazards such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires, floods and earthquakes; and

**WHEREAS**, Building Safety Month is recognized to remind the public about the critical role of our communities' largely unknown local code officials who ensure that the buildings that are essential to America's prosperity are safe, sustainable, energy efficient and livable; and

**WHEREAS**, "It Starts with You," the theme for Building Safety Month 2023, encourages us all to raise awareness about building safety on a personal, local and global scale, and;

**WHEREAS**, in observance of Building Safety Month, we are all encouraged to commit to improving building safety, resilience 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 I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim the month of May as

## **Building Safety Month**

throughout the State of Maine, and I encourage all Maine citizens to recognize this observance.



In testimony whereof, I have caused  
the Great Seal of the State to be  
hereunto affixed GIVEN under my  
hand at Augusta this fifth day of  
May Two Thousand Twenty-Three

Janet T. Mills  
Governor

Shenna Bellows  
Secretary of State