

CITY OF WINTER PARK proclamation

Building Safety Month | May 2016

WHEREAS, the City of Winter Park Building & Permitting Services Department's continuing efforts to address the critical issues of safety, energy efficiency, water conservation, and resilience in the built environment that affect our citizens, both in everyday life and times of natural disaster, give 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, builders, tradespeople, laborers and others in the construction industry – who work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Building Code, a statewide-adopted building safety, energy and fire prevention set of codes, also includes safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as hurricanes, tornadoes, wildfires, floods and earthquakes; and

WHEREAS, the theme for Building Safety Month 2016, "Building Codes: Driving Growth through Innovation, Resilience and Safety," encourages all Americans to raise awareness of the importance of building safe and resilient construction; fire prevention; disaster mitigation; water safety and conservation; as well as energy efficiency and new technologies in the construction industry.

WHEREAS, Building Safety Month 2016 encourages appropriate steps everyone can take to ensure that the places where we live, learn, work, worship and play are safe and sustainable, and recognizes that countless lives have been saved due to the implementation of safety codes by local and state agencies; and

WHEREAS, each year, in observance of Building Safety Month, Americans are asked to consider projects to improve building safety and sustainability, as well as acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us by local and state building departments, fire prevention bureaus and federal agencies in protecting our lives and property.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Steve Leary, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Winter Park, in the state of Florida, do hereby proclaim the month of **May 2016** to be **Building Safety Month**, and urge our citizens to join with their communities in participating in Building Safety Month activities.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Winter Park, Florida, to be affixed this 22nd day of April 2016.


Steve Leary
Mayor