

CITY OF WINTER PARK proclamation

Building Safety Month | May 2017

WHEREAS, the City of Winter Park is committed to recognizing our growth and strength depends on the safety and economic value of the homes, buildings and infrastructure that serve our citizens, both in everyday life and times of natural disaster, and;

WHEREAS, our confidence in the structural integrity and safety of these buildings and structures that make up our community is achieved through various professionals, including building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, design professionals, laborers and others in the construction industry - who work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings, and;

WHEREAS, since the Florida Building Code is based on the International Codes® that are developed by a national, voluntary consensus codes and standards developing organization, our state is able to avoid the high cost and complexity of developing and maintaining these codes, which are the most widely adopted building safety, energy efficiency, and accessibility-compliant codes in the nation; these modern building codes include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires, floods and earthquakes; and;

WHEREAS, Building Safety Month highlights the critical role of Winter Park's largely unheralded public safety professionals - our inspectors, plans examiners and permitting staff - who assure us of safe, efficient, and livable buildings that are essential to keep our built environment safe, and;

WHEREAS, "Code Officials—Partners in Community Safety and Economic Growth," the theme for Building Safety Month 2017, encourages all Americans to raise awareness of the importance of building safe and resilient construction, fire prevention, disaster mitigation, and new technologies in the construction industry. Building Safety Month 2017 encourages appropriate steps everyone can take to ensure that the places where we live, learn, work, worship and play are safe, and recognizes that countless lives have been saved due to the implementation of safety codes by local and state agencies.

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 2017** 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 1st day of May 2017.

Steve Leary
Mayor