

## *Building Safety Month*

**WHEREAS**, our city'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 in 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, code enforcement inspectors, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, laborers, and others in the construction industry—who work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings; and

**WHEREAS**, these guardians—dedicated members of the International Code Council—use a governmental consensus process that brings together local, state, and federal officials with expertise in the built environment to create and implement the highest-quality codes to protect Americans in the buildings where we live, learn, work, worship, play; and

**WHEREAS**, the International Codes, the most widely adopted building safety, energy, and fire prevention codes in the nation, are used by most U.S. cities, counties, and states; these modern building codes also include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires, floods, and earthquakes; and

**WHEREAS**, Building Safety Month is sponsored by the International Code Council, to remind the public about the critical role of our communities' largely unknown guardians of public safety—our local code officials—who assure us of safe, efficient, and livable buildings; and

**WHEREAS**, the theme for 2024 Building Safety Month is “Mission Possible,” with each week dedicated to the following topics; Understanding the Mission (May 1-5), Preparing a Building Safety Plan (May 6-12), Learning from the Pros (May 13-19), Engaging your Community (May 20-26), and Celebrating Success in Building Safety (May 27-31); and

**WHEREAS**, each year, in observance of Building Safety Month, Americans are asked to consider projects to improve building safety and sustainability 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 PROCLAIMED**, that the City Council of the City of La Habra does hereby proclaim May 2024 as “Building Safety Month” in the City of La Habra.

**DATED** this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024.

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Daren Nigsarian  
Mayor

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Attest: Rhonda J. Barone, CMC  
City Clerk