



CITY OF SEBASTOPOL PROCLAMATION

BUILDING SAFETY MONTH — MAY, 2021

Whereas, City of Sebastopol is committed to recognizing that 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 in times of disaster; and

Whereas, our confidence in the resilience of these buildings that make up our community is achieved through the devotion of 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 guardians are dedicated members of the International Code Council, a nonprofit that brings together local, state and federal officials that 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, play, and;

Whereas, from using the International Codes that are developed by a national, voluntary consensus codes and standards developing organization, our government is able to avoid the high cost and complexity of developing and maintaining these codes; and

Whereas, these modern building codes include safeguards to protect the public from hazards such as 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 protectors of public safety—our local code officials—who assure us of safe, sustainable, energy efficient and livable buildings; and

Whereas, "Prevent, Prepare, Protect. Building Codes Save," the theme for Building Safety Month 2021, encourages awareness about the importance of safe and resilient construction; fire prevention; disaster mitigation, energy conservation; water safety; training the next generation; and new technologies in the construction industry; and

Whereas, in observance of Building Safety Month, Sebastopol commits to improve building safety, resilience and economic investment at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us by our local building department.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Mayor Una Glass, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2021 as Building Safety Month and recognize and thank our own City Building Department for their commitment to protecting the community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the Great Seal of the City of Sebastopol this 4th day of May 2021.

Una Glass
Mayor