

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



## A Proclamation

Whereas, Our Commonwealth is committed to recognizing that our growth and strength depend on the essential role that the safety of 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 community is achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians—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, territorial, tribal and federal officials who 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 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 and affordable buildings that are essential to our prosperity; 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, Each year, in observance of Building Safety Month, people all over the world are asked to consider the commitment 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 local and state building departments, fire prevention bureaus and federal agencies in protecting lives and property,

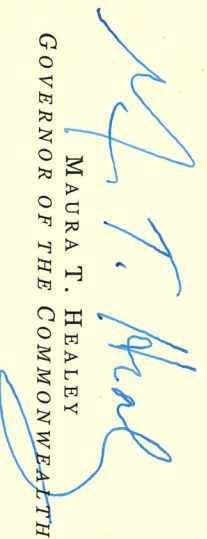
Now, Therefore, I, Maura T. Healey, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim  
May, 2023 to be,

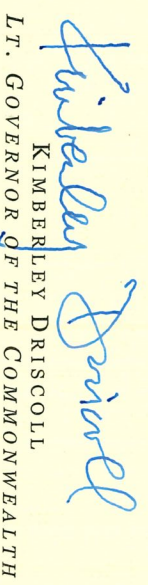
## BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

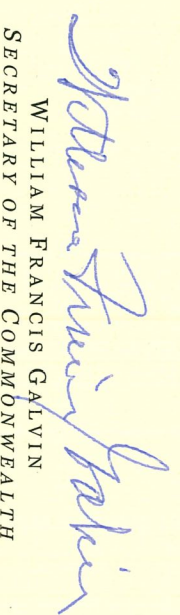
*And urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take  
cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.*

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this first day of May, in the year two thousand and twenty-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-sixth.

BY HER EXCELLENCY

  
MAURA T. HEALEY  
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

  
KIMBERLEY DRISCOLL  
LT. GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

  
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN  
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

*God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts*