

**CITY OF ROCHESTER HILLS
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
PROCLAMATION**

**Building Safety Month
May 2023**

- WHEREAS,** the City of Rochester Hills 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 natural disaster; and
- WHEREAS,** our confidence in the structural integrity of these 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 U.S. based organization that brings together local, state 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,** the International Codes used by the City of Rochester Hills include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fire, floods and earthquakes; and
- WHEREAS,** Building Safety Month is an opportunity to remind the public about the critical role of our community’s largely unknown protectors of public safety – our local code officials – who assure us of safe, efficient and livable buildings that are essential to America’s prosperity; and
- WHEREAS,** each year, in observance of Building Safety Month, Americans are asked to consider the commitment to improve building safety 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, BE IT RESOLVED, that May 2023 will be designated Building Safety Month in the City of Rochester Hills. Accordingly, our citizens are encouraged to join their fellow Americans in participating in Building Safety Month awareness by assisting in efforts to improve building safety.

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