



# *P r o c l a m a t i o n*

## ***Building Safety Month***

### ***May 2021***

- WHEREAS,** Building Safety Month is sponsored by the International Code Council as a way of reminding others about the critical role of local code officials who champion safe, sustainable, energy-efficient and livable buildings essential to our prosperity; and
- WHEREAS,** the theme for this year, “Prevent, Prepare, Protect. Building Codes Save” encourages everyone to raise awareness around the importance of safe and resilient construction, fire prevention, disaster mitigation, energy conservation, water safety, training the next generation and new technologies; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Watsonville recognizes the key role the safety and economic value of our homes, constructions and infrastructure play in our growth; and
- WHEREAS,** our confidence in the resilience of the buildings making up our community is achieved through the devotion of building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, laborers and others in the industry who work to ensure the safe construction of said structures; and
- WHEREAS,** they are also members of the ICC, which is a non-profit that brings together local, state and federal experts to create and implement the highest quality codes that guarantee safe places to 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,** this month brings an opportunity for us all to consider a commitment to improve building safety and to acknowledge the essential services provided by local and state building departments, fire prevention bureaus and federal agencies in protecting lives and properties.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Jimmy Dutra, Mayor of the City of Watsonville, in the State of California, on behalf of the City Council hereby recognize May 2021 as Building Safety Month and encourage everyone in the community to educate themselves on this important topic, and thank our building officials for the excellent work they do on a daily basis.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Watsonville to be affixed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, Two thousand and twenty one.

  
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**Jimmy Dutra, Mayor**



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