

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Arkansas's continuing efforts to address the critical issues of safety, energy efficiency and sustainability in the built environments, which affect our citizens in everyday life and in times of natural disaster, give us confidence that our structures are safe and sound; and

WHEREAS: This confidence is achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians: building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, laborers and others in the construction industry who work year round to ensure the safe construction of buildings; and

WHEREAS: These dedicated members of the International Code Council develop and implement the highest quality codes to protect Americans in the buildings where we live, learn, work, worship and 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 including hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires and earthquakes; and

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

WHEREAS: The theme for Building Safety Month 2015, "Resilient Communities State with Building Codes", encourages all Americans to raise awareness of the importance of building safe and resilient construction; fire prevention; disaster mitigation; water and conservation; energy efficiency; and new technologies in the construction industry; 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, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim May 2015, as

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across the State, and I encourage my fellow citizens to join with their communities to participate in Building Safety Month activities.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 24th day of April, in the year of our Lord 2015.



Asa Hutchinson

Asa Hutchinson, Governor

Mark Martin

Mark Martin, Secretary Of State