



Joint Proclamation of

Grayson County, Carroll County, City of Galax, and The Town of Hillsville

In Recognition and Support of Building Safety Month

May 2018

Whereas, the Boards of Supervisors of Grayson and Carroll Counties, the Council of the City of Galax, and the Council of the Town of Hillsville are committed to recognizing 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 communities is achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians-building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, design professionals, laborers 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 that are in the built environment to create and implement the highest-quality codes to protect us in the built environment to create and implement the highest-quality codes to protect us in the buildings where we live, learn, work, worship, play, and;

Whereas, our nation benefits economically and technologically from using the International Codes® that are developed by a national, voluntary consensus code and standards developing organization, our government is able to avoid the high cost and complexity of developing and maintaining these codes, which are the most widely adopted building safety and fire prevention codes in the nation; these modern building codes include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires, floods and earthquake; 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 guardians of public safety-our local code officials-who assure us of safe, efficient and livable buildings that are essential to keep America great, and;

Whereas; "Building Codes Saves Lives" the theme of Building Safety Month 2018, encourages all Americans to raise awareness of the importance of building safe and resilient construction; fire prevention; disaster mitigation, and new technologies in the construction industry. Building Safety Month 2018 encourages appropriate steps everyone can take to ensure that the places where we live, learn,

work, worship and play are safe, and recognizes that countless lives have been saved due to the implementation of safety codes by local and state agencies, 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 Proclaimed, that the Grayson County Board of Supervisors, the Carroll County Board of Supervisors, the City Council of Galax and the Town Council of Hillsville, Virginia, hereby proclaims the month of May 2018 as Building Safety Month and we encourage our citizens to join with their communities and participate in Building Safety Month activities.

Adopted by:

By: _____

Brenda R. Sutherland, Chair
Grayson County Board of Supervisors

By: _____

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Carroll County Board of Supervisors

By: _____

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