

## PROCLAMATION

### PROCLAIMING MAY 2020 AS BUILDING AND SAFETY MONTH

WHEREAS, the City of Garden Grove 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;

WHEREAS, our confidence in the structural integrity of 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;

WHEREAS, these guardians are dedicated building safety professionals depended on to implement the highest-quality codes to protect us in the buildings where we live, learn, work, and play;

WHEREAS, our community benefits economically and technologically from using modern, up-to-date codes and standards, including the International Codes, which are the most widely adopted building safety and fire prevention codes in the world;

WHEREAS, "Safer Buildings, Safer Communities, Safer World," the theme for Building Safety Month 2020, encourages all individuals to raise awareness about the importance of safe and resilient construction; fire prevention; disaster mitigation, and new technologies in the construction industry. Building Safety Month 2020 encourages appropriate steps everyone can take to ensure the safety of our built environment, and recognizes that the implementation of safety codes by local, regional and international agencies has saved lives and protected homes and businesses; and

WHEREAS, each year, in observance of Building Safety Month, citizens worldwide are asked to consider the commitment to improve building safety and economic investment at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential services provided to all of us by building departments, fire prevention bureaus and other agencies in protecting lives and property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the month of May 2020 is hereby recognized as "**Building and Safety Month**" in Garden Grove.

April 28, 2020