

ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Proclamation

BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

WHEREAS, Arlington County recognizes that our growth and strength as a locality depend on safe homes, buildings, and infrastructure both in daily life and when disasters strike; and

WHEREAS, our confidence in the resilience of the buildings in our community is achieved through the attentiveness 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 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, these modern building codes include safeguards to protect the public from hazards such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires, floods, and earthquakes; 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 protectors of public safety—our local code officials—who assure us of safe, sustainable, and affordable buildings that are essential to our prosperity; and

WHEREAS, “It Starts with You,” the theme for Building Safety Month 2023, seeks to raise awareness about building safety on a personal, local, and global scale; and

WHEREAS, each year, in observance of Building Safety Month, people are asked to support the improvement of building safety, resilience, and economic investment at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential service provided to all in Arlington by the Inspection Services Division and the Fire Marshal Office in protecting lives and property;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christian Dorsey, Chair of the Board of Arlington, Virginia, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2023 as

BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

in Arlington and I encourage our citizens to join us as we participate in Building Safety Month activities.



Christian Dorsey
Chair