



## **Proclamation Building Safety Month May 2023**

- WHEREAS,** our City of Edina is committed to recognizing that our growth and strength depends on the safety and essential role our homes, buildings and infrastructure play, 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 community is achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians—such as building safety and fire prevention officials 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, that 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, play, and;
- WHEREAS,** these modern building codes include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters 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, encourages us all to raise awareness about building safety on a personal, local and global scale, and;
- WHEREAS,** each year, in observance of Building Safety Month, people all over the world are asked to consider the commitment to improve building safety 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,** the City Council of the City of Edina, MN, hereby proclaim the month of May 2023, as

### ***Building Safety Month***

In the City of Edina, MN, accordingly, encourage our citizens to join with their communities in participation in Building Safety Month.

James B. Hovland, Mayor