



City of Pacific Grove

MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE MONTH OF MAY 2020 BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

Whereas, the City of Pacific 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, and;

Whereas, our confidence in the structural integrity of these 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, and;

Whereas, our City benefits economically and technologically from using standard and updated Building Codes that are developed by state, national and international partners and, 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 world;

Whereas, modern building codes include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as wildland fires, floods, earthquakes, hurricanes, snowstorms, and tornadoes; which, according to a FEMA-commissioned study by the National Institute of Building Sciences, provide \$11 in future mitigation benefits for every dollar invested, 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, efficient and livable buildings that are essential to America's prosperity, and;

Whereas, “**Safer Buildings, Safer Communities, Safer World,**” the theme for Building Safety Month 2020, encourages all Americans 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 and state agencies has saved lives and protected homes and businesses, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Peake, Mayor of the City of Pacific Grove, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2020 as Building Safety Month. Accordingly, I encourage our citizens to review Building Safety Month educational materials and engage in safe building practices.

Bill Peake

Bill Peake, Mayor

