

# PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle recognizes that our growth and strength depends on the safety and essential role our homes, buildings and infrastructure play, both in everyday life and when disasters strike; and

WHEREAS, our confidence in the resilience 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 building; and

WHEREAS, these guardians are dedicated members of the International Code Council (ICC), a nonprofit that brings together local, state, territorial, tribal, and federal officials who 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

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle is committed to developing a robust program to require the retrofitting of unreinforced masonry buildings across the city to protect our community and historic neighborhoods in the event of an earthquake, and

WHEREAS, Building Safety Month is sponsored by the ICC 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, “Mission Possible,” the theme for Building Safety Month 2024, encourages us all to raise awareness about building safety on a personal, local, and global scale; and

WHEREAS, in observance of Building Safety Month, we urge residents and neighbors to commit to improve building safety, resilience, 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; and

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle recognizes that building One Seattle, our vision for an innovative, thriving and equitable city for all, requires building safety and it is not without the dedication of the building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, design professionals, laborers, plumbers and others that we are able to achieve such.

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRUCE A. HARRELL, MAYOR OF SEATTLE, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM MAY 2024 TO BE*

## **BUILDING SAFETY MONTH**



Mayor Bruce A. Harrell  
City of Seattle

