

# PROCLAMATION



**WHEREAS**, our City is committed to recognizing our growth and strength depends on the safety and economic value of the homes 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, laborers 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, a U.S. based organization that brings together local, state and federal officials 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 worship, and play. These modern building codes include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires, floods and earthquake; and,

**WHEREAS**, Building Safety Month is sponsored by the International Code Council, to remind the public about the critical role of our communities’ guardians of public safety - our local code officials - who assure us of safe, efficient and livable buildings that are essential to keep America great; and,

**WHEREAS**, “Code Officials – Partners in Community Safety and Economic Growth” the theme for Building Safety Month 2017, encourages all Americans to raise awareness of the importance of building safe and resilient construction; fire prevention; disaster mitigation, and new technologies in the construction industry and recognizes that countless lives have been saved due to the implementation of safety codes by local and state agencies.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Lee’s Summit, Missouri, I hereby proclaim May 2017, as

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and encourage our citizens to join with their neighbors and the community in showing appreciation for these unknown guardians; and to consider projects that help ensure safety in the built environment.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the City of Lee’s Summit, Missouri, this 4th day of May, 2017.

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**MAYOR RANDALL L. RHOADS**