

Proclamation

***Recognizing May 2022 as
Building Safety Month***



WHEREAS, Building Safety Month is an annual event 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, efficient and livable buildings that are essential to America's prosperity; and

WHEREAS, our confidence in the resilience of the buildings that serve 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 and maintenance of buildings; and

WHEREAS, these guardians are dedicated members of the Washington Association of Building Officials and International Code Council, nonprofit organizations that bring together local, state, and federal officials, 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, modern building codes include safeguards to protect the public from hazards such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires, floods, and earthquakes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Monroe is appreciative of our building and planning professionals, who have maintained a high level of customer service and commitment to public safety throughout the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, "Safety for All: Building Codes in Action," the theme for Building Safety Month 2022, and 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; and

WHEREAS, Building Safety Month 2022 people all over the world are asked 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.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor of City of Monroe, do hereby recognize the month of May 2022 as

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and encourage the community to acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us by our building department, local and state building departments, fire prevention bureaus and federal agencies in protecting lives and property.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Geoffrey Thomas", is written over a horizontal line.

Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor