



Agenda Report

To: Village President and Board of Trustees

From: Jennifer Tennant, Assistant Director of Engineering and Building

Subject: Building Safety Month Proclamation: May 2013

Date: April 22, 2013

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Every year, the International Code Council designates a month in the spring as Building Safety Week. The purpose of Building Safety Week is to heighten awareness of the important role of building code administration in protecting lives and property. The President and Board of Trustees issue this proclamation annually, signifying the Village's support of code administration. Once again this year, Building Safety Month is May; and carries the theme "*Code Officials Keep You Safe.*"

SUGGESTED ACTION

Issue the Attached Proclamation.

ATTACHMENTS

Building Safety Month Proclamation

PROCLAMATION

Building Safety Month

May 2013

WHEREAS, the Village's continuing efforts to address the critical issues of safety, energy efficiency and sustainability in the built environment that affect our citizens, both in everyday life and in times of natural disaster, give us confidence that our structures are safe and sound, and;

WHEREAS, our confidence is achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians—building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, laborers and others in the construction industry—who work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings, and;

WHEREAS, these guardians develop and implement the highest-quality codes to protect Americans in the buildings where we live, learn, work, worship, play, and;

WHEREAS, Building Safety Month is sponsored by the International Code Council and International Code Council Foundation, 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, and;

WHEREAS, “Building Safety Month: Code Officials Keep You Safe” the theme for Building Safety Month 2013, encourages all Americans to raise awareness of the importance of building safety; green and resilient building; pool, spa and hot tub safety; backyard safety; and new technologies in the construction industry. Building Safety Month 2013 encourages appropriate steps everyone can take to ensure that the places where we live, learn, work, worship and play are safe and sustainable, and recognizes that countless lives have been saved due to the implementation of safety codes by local and state agencies, and,

WHEREAS, each year, in observance of Building Safety Month, Americans are asked to consider projects to improve building safety and sustainability at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us by local building departments in protecting lives and property.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Karen Darch, President of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Barrington, Cook and Lake Counties, Illinois, do hereby proclaim May 2013, as Building Safety Month in the Village of Barrington. Accordingly, our citizens are encouraged to join their fellow Americans in assisting efforts to improve building safety.

Given, under my hand and seal of the Village of Barrington this 22nd day of April, 2013.

Karen Darch
Village President