



Proclamation

- Whereas,** *The Municipality of Norristown 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 resilience of these buildings that make up our community is achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians — building and housing code officials from the Norristown Department of Buildings & Code Compliance, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, design professionals, 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 nonprofit 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, play, and;*
- Whereas,** *our nation benefits economically and technologically from using the International Codes that are developed by a national, voluntary consensus codes and standards developing organization, 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; and;*
- Whereas,** *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' 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,** *“Prevent, Prepare, Protect. Building Codes Save” the theme for Building Safety Month 2021, encourages all Americans to raise awareness about the importance of safe and resilient construction; fire prevention; disaster mitigation, energy conservation, water safety, training the next generation, and new technologies in the construction industry.*
- Whereas,** *each year, in observance of Building Safety Month, people all over the world are asked to consider the commitment 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, code enforcement departments, fire prevention bureaus, and federal agencies in protecting lives and property.*

**Now
Therefore,** *The Municipal Council of Norristown, Pennsylvania do hereby proclaim May 2021 as*

“Building Safety Month”

in Norristown and call upon citizens of Norristown to join us in recognizing the importance of building safety and expressing appreciation to the Norristown Department of Buildings & Code Compliance staff and Code Inspections Inc., Norristown's Third Party Plan Review & Inspection Agency for their dedication and service.

Proclaimed this 4th day of May, 2021.

Derrick Perry, Council President