

VILLAGE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS PROCLAMATION

Arlington Heights Building Safety Month May 2023

WHEREAS, the Village of Arlington Heights is committed to recognizing 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 the 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 buildings, and;

WHEREAS, these guardians are dedicated members of the International Code Council, 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, in 2022, the Village of Arlington Heights Building and Life Safety Department performed 7,404 building inspections, 2,288 electrical inspections, 446 fire inspections, 426 plumbing inspections, 845 HVAC inspections, and issued 6,364 permits for 3,893 projects, and;

WHEREAS, the theme for Building Safety Month 2023, "It Starts with You," encourages us all to raise awareness about building safety on a personal, local, and global scale, and;

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, fire prevention bureaus and federal agencies in protecting lives and property.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Thomas W. Hayes, along with the Arlington Heights Village Board of Trustees, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2023 as Building Safety Month. Accordingly, I encourage our citizens to join us as we participate in Building Safety Month activities.

Now, therefore, it is hereby proclaimed that the month of May 2023 is Building Safety Month in Arlington Heights.

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Thomas W. Hayes, Mayor

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