

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014 -9**

**DECLARING MAY 2014 AS BUILDING SAFETY MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Mason’s continuing efforts to address the critical issues of safety, energy efficiency, and resilience 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, tradespeople, laborers and others in the construction industry—who work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ohio Building Codes and related Standards include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes and earthquakes; 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 guardians of public safety—our local code officials—who assure us of safe, efficient and livable buildings; and

**WHEREAS**, “Building Safety: Maximizing Resilience, Minimizing Risks,” the theme for Building Safety Month 2014, encourages all Americans to raise awareness of the importance of building safe and resilient construction; fire prevention; disaster mitigation, backyard safety; energy efficiency and new technologies in the construction industry. Building Safety Month 2014 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 and state building departments in protecting lives and property.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the Council of the City of Mason, Ohio, six members elected thereto concurring:

Section 1. That the Council of the City of Mason hereby designates and proclaims May 2014 as Building Safety Month.

Section 2. That Building Safety Month will be recognized by distributing safety information and regional and national activities.

Section 3. That this Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2014

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Mayor

Attest:

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Clerk of Council