



## ***Proclamation***

**Whereas**, the City of Hartsville 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 structural integrity of these 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 professions, 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 (ICC), 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**, Building Safety Month is sponsored by the ICC 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; and

**Whereas**, each year, in observance of Building Safety Month, Americans are asked to consider the commitment to improve building safety 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, Carl M. (Mel) Pennington IV, Mayor of the City of Hartsville, do hereby proclaim the month of May, 2021 as:

### **"BUILDING SAFETY MONTH"**

and encourage our citizens to join with their communities in its observance.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I hereunto set my hand and cause to be affixed the Seal of the City of Hartsville

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Carl M. (Mel) Pennington IV, Mayor

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Sherron L. Skipper, City Clerk