

**CITY OF WEST RICHLAND
RESOLUTION NO. 14-23**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON,
AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF A PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING MAY 2023 AS
“BUILDING SAFETY MONTH”**

WHEREAS, our city 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 disaster strikes, and;

WHEREAS, our confidence in the resilience 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 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 Washington Association of Building Officials and International Code Council, nonprofit organizations that bring 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, play, and;

WHEREAS, we join in support of this effort in association with the Washington Association of Building Officials and local chapters throughout the state; representing the State of Washington in national and local matter of public safety;

WHEREAS, these modern building codes include safeguards to protect the public from hazards such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires, floods and earthquakes, and;

WHEREAS, Building Safety Month is sponsored by the Washington Association of Building Officials and 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, sustainable and affordable buildings that are essential to our prosperity, and;

WHEREAS, “It Starts With You,” the theme for Building Safety Month 2023, 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, NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, does hereby resolve as follows:

That the City Council for the City of West Richland, in consultation with Mayor Brent Gerry, does hereby proclaim May 2023 as “Building Safety Month” for the City of West Richland.

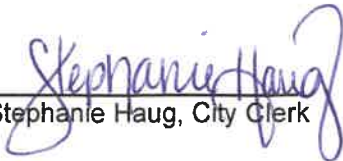
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately and that the Mayor of the City of West Richland, Washington, is hereby authorized and directed to sign the Proclamation, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as **Exhibit A**.

**PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST RICHLAND, WASHINGTON, this
21st day of March, 2023.**



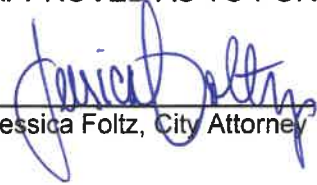
Brent Gerry, Mayor

ATTEST:



Stephanie Haug, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:




Jessica Foltz, City Attorney

Proclamation

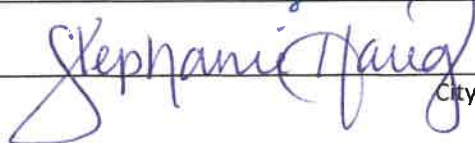
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Brent Gerry, Mayor of the City of West Richland, Washington, and the City Council do hereby proclaim month of May 2023 as Building Safety Month. Accordingly, I encourage our citizens to join us as we participate in Building Safety Month activities.

Signature



Mayor Brent Gerry



City Clerk Stephanie Haug

This 21st day of March, 2023