

**WHEREAS**, the City of Palm Desert is committed to recognizing that our growth and strength depends on the safety and essential roles our homes, buildings, and infrastructure play, both in everyday life and when disasters strike; 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 safety officials, fire prevention officials, 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 organization 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 and standards to protect us in the buildings where we live, learn, work and play; and

**Whereas**, these modern building codes and standards include safeguards to protect the public from hazards such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildlife, floods, 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 protectors of public safety, our code officials, who assure us of safe, sustainable, and livable buildings that are essential to America great; and

**Whereas**, the theme for Building Safety Month 2025 is “Game On!” It encourages us all to get involved and 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 services provided to all of us; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Jan C. Harnik, Mayor of the City of Palm Desert, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2025 as:

# Building Safety Month

In the City of Palm Desert in recognition of the essential services provided by local, state, tribal, territorial, and federal building and fire prevention departments, in protecting lives and property.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Official Seal of the City of Palm Desert, California, to be affixed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2025.