City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To:

Matthew Fertal

From:

Susan Emery

Dept.:

City Manager

Dept.: Community Development

Subject:

BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

Date:

April 27, 2010

PROCLAMATION

OBJECTIVE

To gain City Council approval of the attached proclamation designating the month of May as "Building Safety Month."

DISCUSSION

This year is the first year an entire month is being dedicated to building safety. California Building Safety Month will provide an excellent opportunity for the professionals who work in the local building department to highlight the steps taken to ensure the safety of the places where people live, work, and play. By reviewing building plans, issuing building permits and inspecting building during construction, they protect the health and safety of the public by ensuring applicable code requirements are met and maintained.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council:

Approve the attached proclamation and designate the month of May as "Building Safety Month."

SUSAN EMERY

Community Development Director

Recommended for Approval

City Manager

Rodrigo Victoria, C.B.O. Building Services Manager

Attachment

PROCLAMATION

California Building Safety Month May 2010

WHEREAS, building safety is of paramount importance to assure the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of this nation; and

WHEREAS, among the world's most fundamental laws are those codes which provide safety standards for the construction of buildings in which people live, work and play; and

WHEREAS, for building codes to be applied effectively, an understanding and cooperation needs to exist between code officials and the people they serve; and

WHEREAS, local, regional and state governments across the nation, are working cooperatively with the California Building Standards Commission and the International Code Council to promote the National construction codes during California Building Safety Month; and

WHEREAS, local Building Services help to ensure that the health, safety, and general well-being of the public is protected by reviewing building construction plans, issuing building permits, inspecting buildings during and after construction to guarantee preventative work that contributes to the success of keeping the occupants of the structure safe during an emergency; and

WHEREAS, through the efforts of Building and Code Enforcement Officials worldwide, and their cooperative relationship with the Construction and Development industry, Engineers, the Design Community, the Fire Service, and Model Code Developers, the administration of these health and life-safety standards is assured.

NOW, therefore, we the City Council of Garden Grove do hereby proclaim the month of May 2010, as CALIFORNIA BUILDING SAFETY MONTH in Garden Grove and urge all citizens to participate in California Building Safety Month activities to help promote building safety, to create awareness as to the importance of construction and building codes, and to spotlight the role of the dedicated Code Official in administering those codes.