

*Office of the Mayor*  
Oro Valley, Arizona  
**Proclamation**

**BUILDING SAFETY MONTH – MAY, 2012**

**WHEREAS**, our state's continuing efforts to address the critical issues of safety, energy efficiency, water conservation and sustainability 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, laborers and other industry professionals; who work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings, and;

**WHEREAS**, these guardians; dedicated members of the International Code Council; develop and implement the highest quality codes to protect Americans in the buildings where we live, learn, work, worship, play, and;

**WHEREAS**, the International Codes, are the most widely adopted building safety, energy and fire prevention codes in the nation, and used by most U.S. cities, counties and states; which provide safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as tornadoes, fires, 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;

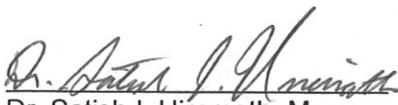
**WHEREAS**, the theme for Building Safety Month 2012 is divided into four weeks - Energy and Green Buildings; Disaster Safety and Mitigation; Fire Safety and Awareness; and Backyard Safety (particularly pool, spa and hot tub safety). Building Safety Month 2012, encourages appropriate steps that everyone 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**, in observance of Building Safety Month, Americans are asked to consider projects to improve 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 and federal agencies in protecting lives and property; and;

**WHEREAS**, Oro Valley will be utilizing Building Safety Month to initiate an offer to provide courtesy pool and hot tub safety inspections for its citizens;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Dr. Satish I. Hiremath, Mayor of Oro Valley, hereby proclaim the month of May 2012 as Building Safety Month and encourage our citizens to participate in Building Safety Month activities.

Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2012

  
Dr. Satish I. Hiremath, Mayor



ATTEST:

  
Julie K. Bower, Town Clerk