

Office of the Mayor  
Oro Valley, Arizona  
Proclamation

**BUILDING SAFETY MONTH – MAY, 2015**

**WHEREAS**, our Town's continuing efforts to address the critical issues of safety, energy efficiency, water conservation, and resilience 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, tradespeople, laborers and others in the construction industry—who work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings; and,

**WHEREAS**, these guardians—dedicated members of the International Code Council—use a governmental consensus process that brings together local, state and federal officials with expertise in the built environment to create and implement the highest-quality codes to protect Americans in the buildings where we live, learn, work, worship, play; and,

**WHEREAS**, the International Codes, the most widely adopted building safety, energy and fire prevention codes in the nation, are used by most U.S. cities, counties and states; these modern building codes also include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires, floods and earthquakes; and,

**WHEREAS**, Building Safety Month is to remind the public about the critical role of our communities' often unknown guardians of public safety—our local code officials—who assure us of safe, efficient and livable buildings; and,

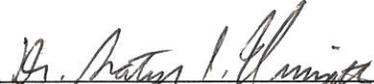
**WHEREAS**, "Resilient Communities Start with Building Codes" the theme for Building Safety Month 2015, encourages all Americans to raise awareness of the importance of building safe and resilient construction; fire prevention; disaster mitigation, water safety and conservation; energy efficiency and new technologies in the construction industry. Building Safety Month 2015 encourages appropriate steps 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**, each year, in observance of Building Safety Month, Americans are asked to consider projects to improve building 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, fire prevention bureaus 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 spa safety inspections for its citizens; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Dr. Satish I. Hiremath, Mayor of Oro Valley, hereby proclaim the month of May 2015 as Building Safety Month and encourage our citizens to participate in Building Safety Month activities.

Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015

  
Dr. Satish I. Hiremath, Mayor



ATTEST:

  
Julie K. Bower, Town Clerk