



## Proclamation

*WHEREAS, continuing efforts to address the issues of safety, energy efficiency, and resilience in buildings 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 others in the construction industry—who work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings; and*

*WHEREAS, modern building codes include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as snowstorms, tornadoes, fires and earthquakes; and*

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

*WHEREAS, this year's theme "Building Safety Month: Code Officials Keep You Safe" encourages all Americans to become more aware of the importance of building safety and to take appropriate steps to ensure that the places where we live, learn, work, worship and play are safe; 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 and federal agencies in protecting lives and property;*

*Therefore, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim May, 2013, as*

### **BUILDING SAFETY MONTH**

*in the State of Colorado.*

*GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this first day of May of 2013*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John W. Hickenlooper". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

*John W. Hickenlooper  
Governor*

