Proclamation

WHEREAS, our City’s continuing efforts to address the critical issues of safety, energy efficiency and sustainability in construction standards affect our citizens, both in everyday life and in times of natural disasters is essential to keep communities safe and thriving efficiently; and

WHEREAS, building safety and fire prevention require the collaboration of architects, engineers, builders, laborers and others in the construction industry working year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings; and

WHEREAS, these guardians-dedicated members of the Washington Association of Building officials and 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, fires and earthquakes; and

WHEREAS, "Building Safety Month: Code Officials Keep You Safe" the theme for Building Safety Month 2013, encourages all Americans to raise awareness of the importance of various issues concerning building safety, and recognizes that countless lives have been saved due to the implementation of safety codes by local and state agencies; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Fred McCarthy, Mayor of the City of Langley, do hereby proclaim the month of May, 2013, as

Building Safety Month

and I encourage our citizens to join me in recognizing this very important observance.

Signed on this ___ day of May, 2013

Mayor Fred McCarthy