RESOLUTION NO. 2020-29

A RESOLUTION to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least two thirds of the members of Council, or otherwise to take effect and be in force after the earliest period allowed by law, declaring that the month of May 2020 “Building Safety Month” in the City of Lakewood.

WHEREAS, the City of Lakewood is committed to recognizing that our growth and strength depends on the safety and economic value of the homes, buildings and infrastructure that serves our citizens, both in everyday life and in times of natural disaster, and;

WHEREAS, our confidence in the structural integrity of these buildings that make up our community is achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians-building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, design professionals, laborer’s, plumbers, and others in the construction industry-who work year-round to ensure the sage construction of buildings, and;

WHEREAS, our nation benefits economically and technologically from using the international Codes that are developed by an national, voluntary consensus codes and standards organization, our government is able to avoid the high cost and complexity of developing and maintaining these codes, which are the most widely adopted building, safety and fire prevention codes in the world, and

WHEREAS, these modern building codes include safeguard to protect the public from natural disasters, such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, floods and earth-quakes, which according to a FEMA commissioned study by the National Institute of Building Sciences, provide $11 in future mitigation benefits for every dollar invested, 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 protectors of public safety- our local code officials-who assure us of safe, efficient and livable buildings that are essential to America’s prosperity, and;

WHEREAS, “Safer Buildings, Safer Communities, Safer World”, the theme for Building Safety Month 2020, encourages all Americans to raise awareness about the importance of safe and resilient construction: fire prevention; disaster mitigation; and new technologies in the construction industry. Building Safety Month 2020 encourages appropriate steps everyone can take to assure the safety of our built environment, and recognizes that the implementation of safety codes by local and state agencies has saved lives and protected homes and businesses, and;

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WHEREAS, each year, in observance of Building Safety Month, Americans are asked to consider the commitment to improve building safety and economic investment 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 properties, and;

WHEREAS, as set forth in Section 2.12 of the Third Amended Charter of the City of Lakewood, this Council by a vote of at least two thirds of its members determines that this resolution is an emergency measure and that it shall take effect immediately, and that it is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public property, health, and safety and to provide for the usual daily operation of municipal departments, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD:

Section 1. The month of May 2020 is hereby declared “Building Safety Month” in the City of Lakewood.

Section 2. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were passed in open meetings of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such actions were in meetings open to the public and in compliance with legal requirements.

Section 3. This resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health, safety and welfare in the City and for the usual daily operation of the City for the reasons set forth and defined in the preamble to this ordinance, and provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least two thirds of the members of Council, this resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption by the Council and approval by the Mayor, or otherwise it shall take effect and be in force after the earliest period allowed by law.

Adopted: 5/4/2020

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PRESIDENT

M. M. Bach

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Approved: 5/8/2020

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MAYOR