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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **MAYOR McMILLAN PROCLAIMS BUILDING SAFETY MONTH**

On April 29, 2013, Mayor Kim McMillan proclaimed May 2013 as “Building Safety Month.” The Mayor was joined by Mike Baker, Interim Director of the City’s Building and Codes Department, and Rex Hawkins, President, Karen Blick, Todd Harvey, Jimmy Miller, Bruce Pranger, and Rick Reda, Board Members of the Clarksville Homebuilders Association for the signing of the proclamation.

“Part of the American dream has always been to have a safe place to call home. Thanks to our building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, and everyone involved in the construction industry, Clarksville is a place where that is possible,” said Mayor McMillan. “I am proud that we have a community where we continue to bring government representatives and construction industry members together to create the safest places to live, work and raise our families.”

Building Safety Month is sponsored by the International Code Council, one of the nation’s most respected organizations in the construction industry. The International Codes are the most widely adopted building safety, energy and fire prevention codes in the United States.

“When you talk about building safety,” said Mr. Baker, “it’s more than the code requirements architects and builders use to design and construct a home. That’s a very important part of what’s included but we are also concerned with safeguards that protect people in natural disasters like tornados and floods. Fire prevention, energy efficiency, new technologies, backyard safety and many more issues are involved in creating and maintaining safe living environments.”

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"Building Safety Month: Code Officials Keep You Safe" is the theme for this year's Building Safety Month. May is a perfect time to call attention to building safety because so many people are beginning building and renovation projects. It's also a time when dangerous weather can create hazardous conditions. During this month long recognition, people across the country are asked to consider projects to improve building safety and sustainability at home and in the community.

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