Proclamation

WHEREAS, the City of Port Orchard’s continuing efforts to address the critical issues of safety, energy efficiency, 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, trades people, laborers and others in the construction industry—who work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings, and;

WHEREAS, these guardians 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 City of Port Orchard uses the most widely adopted building safety, energy and fire prevention codes in the nation; these modern building codes also include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as earthquakes, snowstorms, floods, tornadoes, and wildland fires, and;

WHEREAS, “Building Safety: Maximizing Resilience, Minimizing Risks” the theme for Building Safety Month 2014, encourages all Americans to raise awareness of the importance of building safe and resilient construction; fire prevention; disaster mitigation, backyard safety; energy efficiency and new technologies in the construction industry. Building Safety Month 2014 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, this City’s most devastating disaster is an earthquake and the strength of a home is put to the test as ground forces can tear the home apart and in many cases, cause severe damage; and the “Bolt it-Brace it-Do it” Home Retrofit Program is a partnership with the Homebuilders Association of Kitsap County, Kitsap County Department of Emergency Management, Olympic Peninsula Chapter of the International Code Council, and Building Departments of Kitsap County to educate homeowners and contractors on methods to mitigate structural damage,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Timothy C. Matthes, Mayor of the City of Port Orchard, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2014 as:

BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

In the City of Port Orchard and I call upon all employees and citizens of the City of Port Orchard to observe this month with appropriate recognition whereof.

Signed this 22nd day of April 2014

Timothy C. Matthes, Mayor