Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakotans recognize our growth and strength depends on the safety and economic value of homes, buildings and infrastructure that serve 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, laborers, and others in the construction industry—to ensure the safe construction of buildings; and,

Whereas, These modern building codes, the International Codes, are the most widely adopted building safety and fire prevention codes in the nation and include safeguards from natural disasters such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires, floods, and earthquake; and,
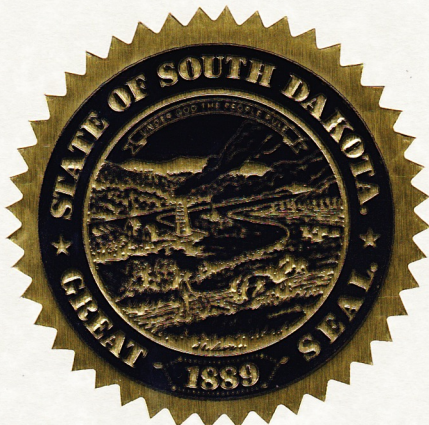
Whereas, "Building Codes Save Lives" the theme for Building Safety Month 2018, encourages us to raise awareness of the importance of building safe and resilient construction; fire prevention; disaster mitigation, and new technologies in the construction industry; and,

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 by local and state building departments, fire prevention bureaus, and federal agencies in protecting lives and property:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 2018 as

BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixteenth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eighteen.

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State