



STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

In recent years, Texas has cemented its status as a preeminent destination for individuals, students, families, and businesses. This monumental wave of relocation has fueled economic expansion and, in turn, prompted a historic boom within the construction industry. This growth, moreover, has reminded us of the importance of building safety. From homes and workplaces to schools and churches, our buildings are essential to modern life, and they must meet everyday demands and be able to withstand all manner of natural disasters.

The people of Texas have always demonstrated resilience, and it is essential that our buildings share this trait. To that end, thought leaders in the public and private sectors have developed comprehensive building standards, which promote safety and sustainability.

From foundations and roofs to windows and walls, every essential element of a building must meet exacting, data-driven requirements, as outlined in federal, state, and local regulations. Ultimately, anyone who sets foot in a structurally sound building benefits from the building safety profession. This collaborative industry includes code enforcement officials, architects, engineers, and tradesmen, all of whom touch lives throughout our state, directly and indirectly.

These dedicated professionals protect us today and prepare for tomorrow, building a stronger future in the most literal sense. To support their important efforts, national and international organizations conduct research, devise new codes, and disseminate best practices throughout the field. This work will no doubt be of great use as we press onward to a brighter tomorrow because the need for safe, secure structures will never diminish.

Each year, the month of May is set aside to draw our attention to building safety and building code enforcement, to celebrate the people who devote themselves to this line of work, and to promote this rewarding career path. With expertise, attentiveness, and a spirit of community betterment, building professionals play a significant role in a story as big as Texas, and they represent the best of the Lone Star State.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to reflect upon this year's theme: "Mission Possible." As we work together to build a bigger, better Texas, may we fix our eyes on the limitless possibility of the future and celebrate the many professions that will help us attain it.

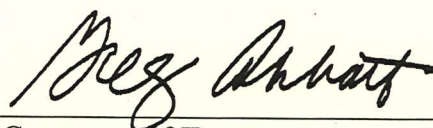
Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim May 2024 to be

Building Safety Month

in Texas and urge all Texans to observe the occasion with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto affixed my signature this the 17th day of April, 2024.




Governor of Texas