



**STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

Texas recognizes that our growth and strength depend on the safety and economic value of our homes, buildings, and infrastructure. Whether due to harsh weather conditions or merely age and everyday use, our homes and workplaces undergo significant wear and tear. When implemented consistently and effectively, strong building codes can save lives and protect property.

Codes used by professional builders and inspectors address not only structural soundness, but also electricity, plumbing, accessibility, fire safety, and energy efficiency. Sensible codes, well-trained professionals, and an effective enforcement system are essential to creating and maintaining safe environments for individuals, families, and businesses.

The International Code Council and various professional associations in Texas are part of a diverse partnership involved in design, construction, sales, inspections, and more. Each year, the month of May is dedicated to raising awareness of the need for resilient structures for Texans to live, work, and play in.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to acknowledge this year's theme, "Safer Buildings, Safer Communities, Safer World," and to learn more about the importance of building codes and high safety standards in minimizing risks wherever possible and creating a safe environment for our homes and our communities.

At this time, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim May 2020, to be

Building Safety Month



in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,
I hereby affix my signature this the
14th day of April, 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Greg Abbott".

Governor of Texas