

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas,

West Virginia is committed to recognizing that our growth and strength depends on the safety and economic value of the 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, plumbers and others in the construction industry—who work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings; and

Whereas,

these guardians include the West Virginia Fire Marshal, the West Virginia Fire Commission, the West Virginia Board of Architects, and other local, state and federal officials who are experts in the built environment to create and protect us in the buildings where we live, learn, work, play; and

Whereas,

these safeguards to protect the public from building failures and natural disasters such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires, floods and earthquake; and

Whereas,

the West Virginia Fire Marshal, WV Fire Commission, and West Virginia Board of Architects emphasize the importance of safe and resilient construction; fire prevention; disaster mitigation, and new technologies in the construction industry. *Building Safety Month 2020* encourages steps everyone can take to ensure the safety of our built environment, and recognizes that the implementation of safety codes by local and state agencies has saved lives and protected homes and businesses; and

Whereas,

each year, in observance of *Building Safety Month*, West Virginians 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 to all of us by local and state building departments, fire prevention commission and state boards in protecting lives and property.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *May 2020* as:

Building Safety Month

in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Twenty-first day of April, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Seventh year of the State.



By the Governor:


Jim Justice
Governor



Mac Warner
Secretary of State