

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Building Safety Month is an annual event to remind the public about the critical role of our communities' largely unknown protectors of public safety--our local code officials--who assure us of safe, sustainable, efficient and livable buildings that are essential to America's prosperity; and

WHEREAS, Washington is committed to recognizing that our growth and strength depend on the safety and economic value of the homes, buildings, and infrastructure that serve our residents, both in everyday life and in times of disaster; and

WHEREAS, our confidence in the resilience of the buildings that serve 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 and maintenance of buildings; and

WHEREAS, these guardians are dedicated members of the Washington Association of Building Officials and International Code Council, nonprofit organizations that bring together local, state, and federal officials, experts in the built environment, to create and implement the highest-quality codes to protect us in the buildings where we live, learn, work, and play; and

WHEREAS, our nation benefits economically and technologically from using the International Codes -- the most widely adopted building safety and fire prevention codes in the world - developed by a national, voluntary consensus organization, in part because our government is able to avoid the high cost and complexity of developing and maintaining these codes; and

WHEREAS, modern building codes include safeguards to protect the public from hazards such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires, floods, and earthquakes; and

WHEREAS, "Safety for All: Building Codes in Action," is the theme for Building Safety Month 2022, and encourages us to raise awareness about the importance of safe and resilient construction; fire prevention; disaster mitigation, energy conservation; water safety; training the next generation; and new technologies in the construction industry; and

WHEREAS, each year, in observance of Building Safety Month, people all over the world are asked to commit to improve building safety, resilience, 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 bureaus, and federal agencies in protecting lives and property;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim May 2022 to be

Building Safety Month

and I encourage all people in our state to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 14th day of April, 2022

Governor Jay Inslee

