



Upson County, Georgia - Proclamation

Building Safety Month — May 2025

Whereas, Upson County is committed to recognizing that our community's 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 work of 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, our nation benefits economically and technologically from using the International Building Codes that are developed by a national, voluntary consensus codes and standards developing organization and our County is able to avoid the high cost and complexity of developing and maintaining these codes, which are the most widely adopted building safety and fire prevention codes in the world;

Whereas, these modern building codes include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires, floods and earthquake; which, according to a FEMA-commissioned study by the National Institute of Building Sciences, provide \$11 in future mitigation benefits for every dollar invested, and;

Whereas, this 45th annual Building Safety Month is sponsored by the International Code Council, Upson County and the City of Thomaston, to remind the public about the critical role of our communities' local code officials—who assure us of safe, efficient and livable buildings that are essential to America's prosperity, and;

Whereas, "Game On!" the theme for Building Safety Month 2025, encourages all Americans to raise awareness about the building safety mission; preparing building safety plans; learning from the professionals, engaging the community and celebrating successes. Building Safety Month 2025 encourages appropriate 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, 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 to all of us by local and state building departments, fire prevention bureaus and federal agencies in protecting lives and property.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dan Brue, Chairman of the Upson County Commission, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2025 as Building Safety Month in Upson County, Georgia. Accordingly, I encourage our citizens to join with their communities in participation in Building Safety Month activities.

Signed this 28th day of April, 2025.

Dan Brue, Chairman