

# Proclamation

*Be it known that*

*Whereas,*

*Our City is committed to recognizing that our growth and strength depends on the safety and essential role our homes, buildings and infrastructure play, both in everyday life and when disasters strike; and*

*Whereas,*

*Our confidence in the resilience 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 modern building codes and standards include safeguards to protect the public from hazards such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires, floods and earthquakes; and*

*Whereas,*

*Building Safety Month is sponsored by the International Code Council to remind the public about the critical role of our communities' largely unknown protectors of public safety--our code officials--who assure us of safe, sustainable and affordable buildings that are essential to our prosperity; and*

*Whereas,*

*Each year, in observance of Building Safety Month, people all over the world are asked to consider the commitment 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, state, tribal, territorial, and federal building safety and fire prevention departments, in protecting lives and property.*

*Now, Therefore,*

*I, Kirk Watson, Mayor of the City of Austin, Texas,  
do hereby proclaim*

*May 2025*

*as*

*Building Safety Month*

*in Austin.*

*In witness whereof, I have hereunto  
set my hand and caused the seal of the City  
of Austin to be affixed this 8<sup>th</sup> Day of  
May in the Year Two Thousand Twenty Five*

*Kirk Watson*

*Kirk Watson, Mayor, City of Austin*

