

STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, Oklahoma 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 who work year round to ensure the safe construction of buildings; and

Whereas, these guardians are dedicated members of the International Code Council, a nonprofit that brings together experts 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 that are developed by a national voluntary consensus codes and standards developing organization which are the most widely adopted building safety and fire prevention codes in the world; and

Whereas, these modern building codes include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires, floods, and earthquakes; and

Whereas, Building Safety Month reminds us of the critical role of our communities' largely unknown protectors of public safety – our local code officials; and

Whereas, "Safer Buildings, Safer Communities, Safer World," the theme for Building Safety Month 2020, encourages all Americans to raise awareness about the importance of safe and resilient construction, fire prevention, disaster mitigation, and new technologies in the construction industry, and recognizes that the implementation of safety codes by local and state agencies has saved lives and protected homes and businesses;

Now Therefore, I, Governor J. Kevin Stitt, do hereby proclaim May, 2023 as

"Building Safety Month"

in the State of Oklahoma.

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



*Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma
City, this twenty-fifth day of April, in the
Year of Our Lord two thousand and twenty-three,
and of the State of Oklahoma in the one-hundred
and fifteenth year.*

ATTEST:

Kevin Stitt
GOVERNOR

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