Proclamation Building Safety Month – May 2025

Whereas, the City of Americus is committed to recognizing that our growth and strength depend on the safety of our homes, buildings, and infrastructure—and the essential roles they play in daily life and during disasters; and

Whereas, our confidence in the resilience of the buildings that make up our community is a result of the dedication 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 safe construction; and

Whereas, these guardians are dedicated members of the International Code Council, a nonprofit organization that brings together local, state, territorial, tribal, and federal officials—experts in the built environment—to develop and implement the highest-quality codes and standards to protect us in the buildings where we live, learn, work, and play; and

Whereas, 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 of the critical role played by our communities' often-unsung protectors of public safety—our code officials—who help ensure that buildings are safe, sustainable, and affordable, contributing to our prosperity; and

Whereas, the theme of Building Safety Month 2025, "Game On!", encourages everyone to get involved and raise awareness about building safety on personal, local, and global levels; and

Whereas, each year, during Building Safety Month, people around the world are encouraged to renew their commitment to improving building safety, resilience, and economic investment—both at home and in their communities—and to recognize the vital services provided by building safety and fire prevention departments at the local, state, tribal, and federal levels in protecting lives and property.

Now, Therefore, I, Mayor Lee Kinnamon, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2025 as Building Safety Month in the City of Americus. I encourage all citizens to join us in participating in Building Safety Month activities.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF AMERICUS

Lee Kinnamon, Mayor

Sierra Harvey, City Clerk