



Emmet County Proclamation

Building Safety Month — May 2025



Whereas, Emmet County is committed to recognizing that our growth and strength depends on the safety and essential role our homes, buildings and infrastructure that serve our citizens, both in everyday life and when disaster strikes, and;

Whereas, our confidence in the resilience of these buildings that make up our community is achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians such as building safety and fire prevention officials, along with architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, design professionals, laborers and others involved in the construction industry, working cooperatively year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings and structures, and;

Whereas, these guardians, working with the International Code Council, a nonprofit that brings together local, state, territorial, tribal and federal officials who are experts in the built environment to create and implement the highest-quality codes to protect us in the buildings where we live, learn, work, 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, and on which the Michigan Codes are based, our government 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 and hazards such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires, floods and earthquakes; as well as man made disasters caused by sub standard construction practices, 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 local code officials, who role is to assure us of safe, sustainable and affordable buildings that are essential to our prosperity, and;

Whereas, "Game On", the theme for Building Safety Month 2025 which means "get in the game and celebrate building safety", encourages us all to raise awareness of building safety for safe and sustainable construction; career opportunities in building safety; understanding disaster mitigation, energy conservation; and creating a safe and abundant water supply to all of our benefit, showing that code compliance is possible through cooperative efforts, 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 and state building safety departments, fire prevention bureaus and federal agencies in protecting lives and property.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Emmet County Board of Commissioners, do hereby recognize and proclaim the month of May 2025 as Building Safety Month. Accordingly, we encourage our citizens to recognize the importance of the Code Officials in their communities, and the Code Official's role of ensuring safe and code compliant structures and buildings within their communities.

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David White, Emmet County Board of Commissioners

A handwritten date "5-5-25" in blue ink, written over a horizontal line.

Date