

PROCLAMATION

Building Safety Month – May 2026

WHEREAS, the City of Seward is committed to recognizing that our growth and strength depend 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 and life safety officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, design professionals, laborers, and others in the construction industry—who work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings, and;

WHEREAS, these guardians are dedicated members of the International Code Council, a non-profit that brings together federal, state, and local officials who are experts in the built environment to create and implement the highest-quality codes and standards to protect us in the buildings where we live, learn, work and play, and;

WHEREAS, these modern building codes and standards include safeguards to protect the public from hazards such as snowstorms, wildland fires, floods, typhoons and earthquakes, and;

WHEREAS, Alaska’s history of significant seismic events, severe winter weather, and remote infrastructure challenges underscores the importance of maintaining strong building codes to protect lives and property, and;

WHEREAS, Building Safety Month is sponsored by International Code Council (ICC) 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, “Built to Last” the theme for Building Safety Month 2026, encourages us all to get involved and raise awareness about building safety on a personal, local and global scale, and;

WHEREAS, in Alaska, our building safety and fire prevention professionals work diligently across vast and often difficult terrain to support communities large and small, from urban centers to remote villages; and

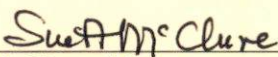
WHEREAS, each year, in observance of Building Safety Month, people all over the world are asked to consider the commitment to improve building safety, resilience and economic investment at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us by federal, state, and local officials building safety and fire prevention departments, in protecting lives and property.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sue McClure, Mayor of the City of Seward, do hereby proclaim May 2026 as:

Building Safety Month

Dated the 11th Day of May 2026

THE CITY OF SEWARD, ALASKA


Sue McClure, Mayor

