



## *Proclamation*

**Building Safety Month — May 2026**

WHEREAS, Garner, North Carolina recognizes that our growth and strength rely on the safety and essential roles that our homes, buildings, and infrastructure play in everyday life and during disasters, and;

WHEREAS, our confidence in the resilience of the buildings that make up our community comes from the dedication of vigilant guardians. These include building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, design professionals, laborers, plumbers, and others in the construction industry. They work year-round to ensure that buildings are constructed safely; and

WHEREAS, these guardians are devoted members of the International Code Council (ICC), a nonprofit organization that unites local, state, territorial, tribal, and federal officials who are experts in the built environment. Their mission is to create and implement high-quality codes and standards that protect us in the buildings where we live, learn, work, and play; and

WHEREAS, modern building codes and standards include protections against hazards like hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires, floods, and earthquakes; and

WHEREAS, Building Safety Month, sponsored by the ICC, aims to remind the public about the critical role of our often-overlooked protectors of public safety: our code officials. These dedicated professionals ensure that our buildings are safe, sustainable, and affordable, which is essential for our community's prosperity; and

WHEREAS, Building Safety Month 2026 has the theme "Built to Last", encouraging everyone to engage and raise awareness about building safety on personal, local, and global levels; and

WHEREAS, every year, in honor of Building Safety Month, people around the world are encouraged to reflect on their commitment to enhancing building safety, resilience, and economic investment in their homes and communities. This month also recognizes the vital services provided by local, state, tribal, territorial, and federal building safety and fire prevention departments in safeguarding lives and property.

WHEREAS, I, Mayor Buddy Gupton, Mayor of the Town of Garner, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2026 as Building Safety Month. Accordingly, I encourage our residents to join us as we participate in Building Safety Month activities.



*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the Town of Garner, North Carolina to be affixed this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.*

*Buddy Gupton*  
Mayor Buddy Gupton