

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, our city commitment to recognizing 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 when disasters strike; and

WHEREAS, our confidence in the resilience of these buildings that make up our community is achieved through the devotion of the vigilant guardians-building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, trades, design professionals and others in the construction industry-who work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings; and

WHEREAS, building safety and fire prevention officials in the City of Alexandria work together with such organizations as the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development, the International Code Council, the Virginia Building and Code Officials Association, the Virginia Fire Prevention Association, the International Association of Electrical Inspectors, the Virginia Plumbing and Mechanical Inspectors Association, and the Women in Code Enforcement and Development to educate the public about the role that building and fire prevention codes play in protecting lives and property; and

WHEREAS, Building Safety Month is to remind the public about the critical role of our unknown protectors of public safety-our local code officials-who assure us of safe, sustainable and livable buildings that are essential to our health and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, "Built to Last: Understanding what it takes to build safe structures that are built to stand the test of time encourages us all to raise awareness of the importance of understanding and the importance of planning for safe buildings and sustainable construction; energy conservation; career opportunities in building safety; understanding disaster mitigation; and creating a safe and reliable water supply for the benefit of all; 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 departments and agencies in protecting lives and property.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALYIA GASKINS, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim the Month of May 2026, as:

"BUILDING SAFETY MONTH"

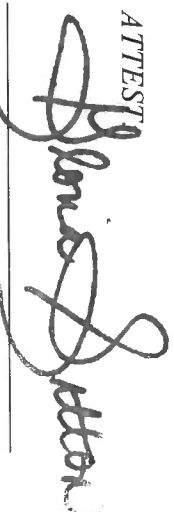
In the City of Alexandria and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have herunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 1st day of May 2026.


MAYOR ALYIA GASKINS

On behalf of the City Council
of Alexandria, Virginia

ATTEST



Gloria A. Sifton, CMC City Clerk

