

**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR No. 2026-119**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZING
MAY AS BUILDING SAFETY MONTH AND THANKING OUR BUILDING
SAFETY AND FIRE PREVENTION CODE OFFICIALS FOR KEEPING
THE MUNICIPALITY SAFE IN THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT.**

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage recognizes that our growth and strength depend on the safety of our homes, buildings, and infrastructure, both in everyday life and when disasters strike, and

WHEREAS, our building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, design professionals, laborers, and others in the construction industry work year-round to ensure buildings are safe, and

WHEREAS, building safety standards have proven their worth in keeping Anchorage residents safe during recent earthquakes, heavy snowfall events, and wind events; for example, comparative data from researchers at Notre Dame and the University of Colorado show that buildings within Anchorage's Building Safety Service Area suffered significantly less damage during the 2018 earthquake; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly unanimously approved AO 2026-33 on April 14th, 2026, which adopted the most recent International Building Code, International Fire Code, and eight other codes, with several local amendments, to modernize Title 23, our local building codes, and

WHEREAS, over 100 community members in the construction industry served on committees to provide expert feedback to the Development Services Department in 2025 and 2026 as part of the process of drafting AO 2026-33, which was ultimately recommended for adoption by the Board of Building Regulation Examiners and Appeals, and

WHEREAS, working together to build a strong system of compliance with these building codes provides a means to reduce insurance costs for Anchorage property owners and increase the resiliency of construction for disasters, thus increasing housing affordability, and

WHEREAS, Building Safety Month is an international campaign led by the

non-profit International Code Council to raise awareness about the critical role of building safety and fire prevention professionals, and

WHEREAS, Building Safety Month reminds the public about the critical role of our communities' largely unknown protectors of public safety—our code officials in building safety and fire prevention—who assure us of safe, sustainable, and affordable buildings that are essential to our prosperity, and

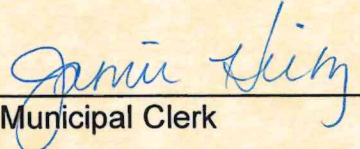
WHEREAS, each year, in observance of Building Safety Month, people all over the world are asked to consider the commitment to improve building safety, resilience, and economic investment in our community, and to acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us by local, state, tribal, territorial,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

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly resolves that May is Building Safety Month, and thanks the many Municipal officials who enforce building safety and fire prevention codes to keep Anchorage safe.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 12th day of May, 2026

ATTEST:


Chair


Municipal Clerk

