

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

PROCLAMATION NUMBER 26-09

COUNTY OF DORCHESTER

**PROCLAIMING MAY 2026 AS BUILDING SAFETY MONTH IN
DORCHESTER COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Dorchester County, South Carolina, is committed to recognizing that our growth and strength depends 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 prevention officials, floodplain managers, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, design professionals, 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 nonprofit that brings together local, state, 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, these modern building codes include safeguards to protect the public from hazards such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires, floods, and earthquakes; and

WHEREAS, Dorchester County also strives to protect property from flood hazards by actively and voluntarily participating in the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System by instituting higher regulatory standards thereby earning citizens discounts on flood insurance premiums; 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 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 everyone to get involved and raise awareness about personal home safety, voices of the built environment, community preparedness, and barrier free communities; 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, fire prevention bureaus and federal agencies in protecting lives and property; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Dorchester County Council does hereby proclaim the month of May 2026 as Building Safety Month.

ADOPTED THIS 4TH DAY OF MAY 2026.

BY: C. David Chinnis
C. David Chinnis, Chairman
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