

Building Safety Month Proclamation

May 1-31, 2026

WHEREAS, the City of Springfield 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, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, design professionals, laborers, plumbers, 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, territorial, 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 and 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, 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 us all to raise awareness about building safety on a personal, local, and global scale, 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.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Sean VanGordon, Mayor of Springfield, Oregon, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2026 as Building Safety Month in Springfield. Accordingly, I encourage our community members to join us as we participate in Building Safety Month activities.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sean VanGordon", written over a horizontal line.

Sean VanGordon
Mayor