

STATE OF ILLINOIS



Proclamation

WHEREAS, our state is committed to recognizing that our growth and strength depend 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 is achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians like 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 individuals are dedicated members of the International Code Council, a nonprofit organization 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 and standards to protect us in the buildings where we live, learn, work, and play; and,

WHEREAS, these modern building codes and standards include safeguards to protect the public from hazards such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires, floods, and earthquakes; and,

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

WHEREAS, the theme for 2026 is "Built to Last," to encourage us all to get involved and raise awareness about building safety on a personal, local, and global scale; and,

WHEREAS, each year in observance of Building Safety Month, people 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, state, tribal, territorial, and federal building safety and fire prevention departments, in protecting lives and property;

*THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim May 2026 as **Building Safety Month** in Illinois.*

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.

*Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,
this FIFTEENTH day of APRIL, in
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
TWENTY-SIX, and of the State of Illinois,
two hundred and SEVENTH.*



Alexis Giannouch
SECRETARY OF STATE

JB Pritzker
GOVERNOR