

EXHIBIT A

Village of Matteson, Illinois

Proclamation

Building Safety Month — May 2026

Whereas the Village of Matteson, Illinois is a forward-thinking, community-centered municipality committed to ensuring that our homes, businesses, and public spaces remain safe, resilient, and supportive of long-term growth; and

Whereas Matteson’s commitment to safety is demonstrated through the work of the **Matteson Building Services Division, the Matteson Fire Department, the Community Development Department, and the Public Works Department**, whose dedicated professionals uphold the highest standards of building safety, fire prevention, code enforcement, and infrastructure maintenance; and

Whereas the strength and resilience of our community depend on the expertise of building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, design professionals, laborers, plumbers, and others in the construction industry who work diligently to ensure that every structure in Matteson is safe, durable, and built to last; and

Whereas these professionals proudly collaborate with and support the mission of the **International Code Council (ICC)**, a nonprofit organization that unites experts across all levels of government to develop and implement the highest-quality building codes and standards that protect the public in the places where we live, learn, work, shop, and gather; and

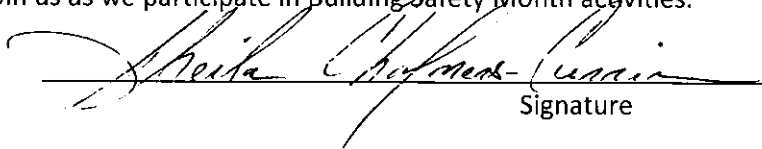
Whereas modern building codes and standards include essential safeguards that protect Matteson residents from hazards such as tornadoes, snowstorms, floods, wildland fires, and other natural or man-made threats; and

Whereas Building Safety Month, sponsored by the ICC, highlights the vital role of our community’s often unseen protectors—our code officials—whose work ensures that Matteson’s buildings remain safe, sustainable, and affordable for all; and

Whereas the 2026 theme, “**Built to Last,**” reflects the Village of Matteson’s ongoing commitment to responsible development, strong neighborhoods, and resilient infrastructure through initiatives such as the **Matteson Comprehensive Plan, Capital Improvement Projects**, and community-focused safety education led by the Fire Department and Building Services Division; and

Whereas Building Safety Month encourages individuals, families, businesses, and local governments around the world to strengthen their commitment to building safety, resilience, and smart investment, while recognizing the essential services provided by building safety and fire prevention departments at every level of government.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sheila Chalmers-Currin, President, President of The Village of Matteson, Illinois, do hereby proclaim the month of **May 2026** as Building Safety Month. Accordingly, I encourage our citizens to join us as we participate in Building Safety Month activities.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Sheila Chalmers-Currin", is written over a solid horizontal line.

Signature