



Whereas members of the Ohio Chapter of Permit Technicians, a chapter of the Ohio Building Officials Association, perform essential administrative and technical functions in the enforcement of Ohio's building codes, including application intake, completeness review, records management, and coordination of plan review and inspection processes; and

Whereas the permitting function constitutes a critical control point in the regulatory framework governing construction and occupancy of the built environment; and

Whereas the accuracy, consistency, and completeness of permit processing directly affect compliance with Ohio's adopted codes and standards, influencing structural safety, system performance, and long-term resilience of buildings and structures; and

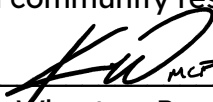
Whereas community resilience to natural and man-made hazards, including but not limited to severe weather events, fire, flood, and structural failure, is materially dependent on the proper application and enforcement of construction codes, beginning at the permitting stage; and

Whereas the Ohio Chapter of Permit Technicians advances standardized practices, technical competency, and ethical conduct among its members engaged in permit administration and code enforcement support functions; and

Whereas Building Safety Month, as established by the International Code Council, serves to recognize the role of code administration professionals and to promote public awareness of building safety and resilience; and

Whereas the 2026 theme, "Built to Last," reflects the importance of durable, code-compliant construction practices supported by effective permitting systems.

Now, therefore, I, Kota Wharton, President of the Ohio Chapter of Permit Technicians, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2026 as Building Safety Month for our members and recognize the contributions of Permit Technicians and our members in advancing code compliance, public safety, and community resilience.

  
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Kota Wharton, President