



A Proclamation in Honor of Building Safety Month 2026

WHEREAS, the City of Ashland recognizes that our health, strength, and resilience depend on the safety and essential role our homes, buildings, and infrastructure play in everyday life and when disasters strike, and;

WHEREAS, the resilience of our built environment 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, 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, each year, in observance of Building Safety Month, people all over the world are asked to acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us by local and state building departments, fire prevention bureaus, and federal agencies as they work to protect lives and property.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jeff Dahle, Council Chair of the City of Ashland, Oregon, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2026 as Building Safety Month. Accordingly, I encourage our citizens to consider what each of us can do to improve building safety in our homes and businesses.

Dated this 19th day of May 2026.

Tonya Graham, Mayor

Alissa Kolodzinski, City Recorder

