

Proclamation Recognizing May 2026 as Fire Building Safety Month

WHEREAS, the City of Fitchburg is committed to recognizing that our economic growth and strength, and the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Fitchburg, depend on the safety of our homes, buildings, and infrastructure, both in everyday life and when disaster strikes; and

WHEREAS, our confidence in the resilience of these buildings that make up our community is achieved through the devotion of individuals: building inspectors, fire inspectors, engineers, architects, builders, tradespeople, design professionals, and others in the construction industry, who work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings; and

WHEREAS, these individuals are experts in the build environment to 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 incorporate safeguards designed not only to strengthen structures against natural disasters, but also to protect the health, safety, and well-being of occupants by reducing the risk of injury, ensuring safe egress, maintaining structural integrity, and promoting resilient, livable environments during and after such events; and

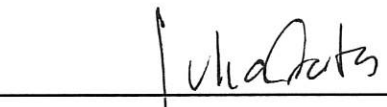
WHEREAS, Building Safety Month is set forth to remind the public about the critical role of our communities' largely unknown protectors of public safety, our building and fire inspectors, who assure us of safe, sustainable and affordable buildings that are essential to our prosperity; and

WHEREAS, "Built to Last" the theme for Building Safety Month 2026, encourages us all to 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, all those living in Fitchburg are asked to consider the commitment to improving building safety at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential service provided by building safety and fire prevention departments, in protecting lives and property.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Julia Aratta-Fratta, Mayor of Fitchburg, along with members of the Common Council, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2026 as Building Safety Month throughout the city, and I urge all people of the City of Fitchburg to practice building safety, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Fitchburg's Building Inspection and Fire Inspection personnel.

Proclaimed this 28th day of April 2026.



Mayor Julia Aratta-Fratta



Tracy Oldenburg, City Clerk