



Proclamation

Whereas, our community's growth and strength depend on the safety, resilience, and integrity of our homes, buildings, and infrastructure in both everyday life and times of disaster; and

Whereas, this resilience is achieved through the dedication and expertise of building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, inspectors, builders, contractors, tradespeople, and laborers who work year-round to ensure safe, compliant construction; and

Whereas, these professionals serve as vigilant guardians of public safety and are often members of the International Code Council, a nonprofit organization that brings together experts to develop and implement high-quality building codes and standards; and

Whereas, these modern codes and standards protect the public from hazards such as severe weather, fires, floods, and other natural disasters, while promoting safe, sustainable, and affordable buildings; and

Whereas, Building Safety Month raises awareness of the essential role these professionals play in protecting lives and property and strengthening our community's resilience; and

Whereas, the 2026 theme, "Built to Last," encourages individuals and communities to prioritize building safety and take an active role in promoting a safer built environment.

Now, therefore, I, Liliya Stevens, I, Liliya V. Stevens, Mayor of the City of Washington, 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.

Proclaimed this 4th day of May, 2026

Liliya V. Stevens, Mayor

ATTEST: Valeri L. Brod, City Clerk