



**Office of the Governor
State of Missouri**

Proclamation

WHEREAS, through our continuing attention to building safety, we enjoy the comfort and peace of mind of structures that are safe and sound; and

WHEREAS, building safety and fire prevention officials are at work year-round to guide the safe construction of buildings; and

WHEREAS, the dedicated members of the International Code Council, including building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, and others in the construction industry, develop and enforce codes to safeguard Americans in the buildings where we live, work, play, and learn; and

WHEREAS, the International Codes, the most widely adopted building safety and fire prevention codes in the nation, are used by most U.S. cities, counties, and states. These modern, building safety codes also include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters that can occur, such as snowstorms, hurricanes, tornadoes, wild land fires, and earthquakes; and

WHEREAS, Building Safety Month is a time to increase public awareness of the role building safety and fire prevention officials, local and state building departments, and federal agencies play in protecting lives and property; and

WHEREAS, "Building Codes Save Lives," the theme for Building Safety Month 2018, encourages all Americans to raise awareness of the importance of building safe and resilient structures, fire prevention, disaster mitigation, and new technologies in the construction industry; and

WHEREAS, countless lives have been saved because of the building safety codes adopted and enforced by local and state agencies.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Eric R. Greitens, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim May 2018 to be

BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

in Missouri, and urge all citizens to recognize the local building safety and fire prevention officials and the important role they play in public safety.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 26th day of April, 2018.



Handwritten signature of Eric R. Greitens in black ink.

**Eric R. Greitens
Governor**

Attest:

Handwritten signature of Jay Ashcroft in black ink.

Secretary of State