

State of Iowa

Executive Department

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

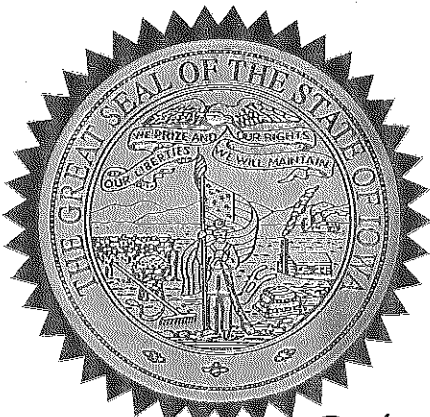
PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** the State of Iowa is committed to recognizing our growth and strength depends on the safety and economic value of the homes, buildings and infrastructure that serve our citizens, both in everyday life and in times of natural disaster; and
- WHEREAS,** our confidence in the structural integrity of these buildings that make up our community is achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians—such as Iowa’s building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, design professionals, laborers and others in the construction industry—who work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings; and
- WHEREAS,** these dedicated members of the Iowa Association of Building Officials, State Fire Marshal State Building Code Bureau, and the International Code Council—use a governmental consensus process that brings together local, state and federal officials with expertise in the built environment to create and implement the highest-quality codes to protect Americans in the buildings where we live, learn, work, worship, play; 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 guardians of public safety—our local code officials—who assure us of safe, efficient and livable buildings that are essential to keep America great; and
- WHEREAS,** “Code Officials—Partners in Community Safety and Economic Growth” the theme for Building Safety Month 2017, encourages all Americans to raise awareness of the importance of building safe and resilient construction; fire prevention; disaster mitigation, and new technologies in the construction industry; Building Safety Month 2017 encourages appropriate steps everyone can take to ensure that the places where we live, learn, work, worship and play are safe, and recognizes that countless lives have been saved due to the implementation of safety codes by local and state agencies; and
- WHEREAS,** each year, in observance of Building Safety Month, Americans are asked to consider projects to improve building safety and sustainability at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us by local and state building departments, fire prevention bureaus and state agencies in protecting lives and property:


NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terry E. Branstad, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim the month of May, 2017 as

BUILDING SAFETY MONTH


and encourage our citizens to join with their communities in participation in Building Safety Month activities.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HERE-
UNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED
THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO
BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES THIS
21ST DAY OF APRIL IN THE YEAR OF OUR
LORD TWO THOUSAND SEVENTEEN.


TERRY E. BRANSTAD
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:


PAUL B. PATE
SECRETARY OF STATE