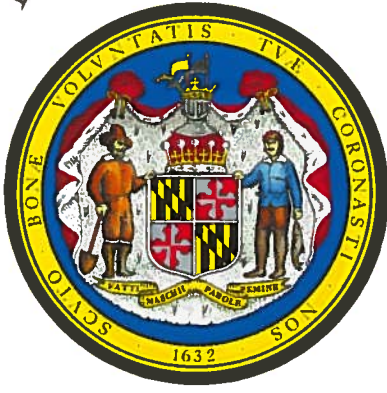


The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

BUILDING SAFETY MONTH MAY 2017

- WHEREAS,** *Maryland 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,** *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 hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wild land fires and, earthquakes; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Building Safety Month, sponsored by the International Code Council (ICC), is an excellent opportunity to educate the public. It is a perfect 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,** *"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; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Maryland is pleased to encourage increased awareness of the importance of building safe and resilient construction.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim MAY 2017 as BUILDING SAFETY MONTH in Maryland, and do commend this observance to all of our citizens.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,
this 1st day of May
Two Thousand and seventeen

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor

Robert K. Luttrell
Lt. Governor

John C. W. W. W.
Secretary of State