

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, building and construction codes enhance the security of our citizens and communities and save countless lives by helping ensure our buildings are safe, efficient, and livable; and

WHEREAS, building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, design professionals, laborers, and others in the construction industry work year-round to address building safety concerns, including safeguards to minimize the impact from natural disasters such as ice and snowstorms, hurricanes, tornadoes, wildland fires, floods, and earthquakes, playing a vital role in ensuring the safety of our critical infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the annual observance of Building Safety Month calls attention to the life safety services provided by local and state building departments, fire prevention bureaus, and federal agencies; and

WHEREAS, with the theme *Code Officials - Partners in Community Safety and Economic Growth*, the 2017 observance of Building Safety Month helps raise awareness of the importance of safe and resilient construction, fire prevention, disaster mitigation, and new technologies in the construction industry.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 2017 as

BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to improve building safety at home and in the community and to recognize the important role building and fire officials play in public safety.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Henry McMaster".

HENRY MCMASTER
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA