



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
**PROCLAMATION**  
BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders and others in the construction industry work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings; and

**WHEREAS**, countless lives have been saved due to the implementation of safety codes by local and state agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, these modern building safety codes also include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wild land fires, and earthquakes; and

**WHEREAS**, Building Safety Month reminds the public about the critical role of our the our local code officials who help prevent deaths and injuries from fires and accidents; and

**WHEREAS**, as we observe Building Safety Month, we ask Tennesseans to consider projects to improve building safety at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us by local and state building departments and federal agencies 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, water safety and conservation; energy efficiency and new technologies in the construction industry;

**WHEREAS**, Building Safety Month encourages appropriate steps everyone can take to ensure that the places where we live, learn, work, worship, and play are safe and sustainable, and recognizes that countless lives have been saved due to the implementation of safety codes by local and state agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tennessee Building Officials, Fire Safety Inspectors, Plumbing and Mechanical Inspectors, the State Fire Marshal's Office, architects, engineers, and the building industry in Tennessee as a whole, continue efforts to address the critical issues of safety, energy efficiency, and resilience in the built environment that affect our citizens, both in everyday life and in times of natural disaster, give us confidence that our structures are safe and sound;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the month of May, 2017 as

*Building Safety Month*

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this twenty-seventh day of February, 2017.

*Bill Haslam*

Governor

*Joe Hargett*

Secretary of State

