



**STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

Whether due to harsh weather conditions or merely age and everyday use, our homes and workplaces undergo significant wear and tear. When implemented consistently and efficiently, strong building codes can save lives and protect property.

Codes used by professional builders and inspectors address not only structural soundness, but also electricity, plumbing, accessibility, fire safety and energy efficiency. Sensible codes, well-trained professionals and an efficient enforcement system are essential to creating and maintaining safe environments for individuals, families and businesses.

The International Code Council and various professional associations in Texas are part of a diverse partnership involved in design, construction, sales, inspections and more. Each year, the month of May is dedicated to raising awareness about the need for resilient structures for Texans to live, work and play in.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to learn more about the importance of building codes and high safety standards in minimizing risks wherever possible and creating a safe environment in our homes and our communities.

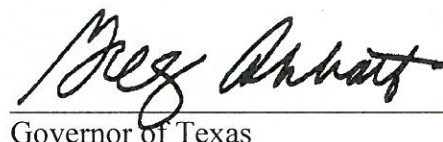
Therefore, I Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim May 2017 to be

Building Safety Month



in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this the 13th day of April, 2017.


Governor of Texas