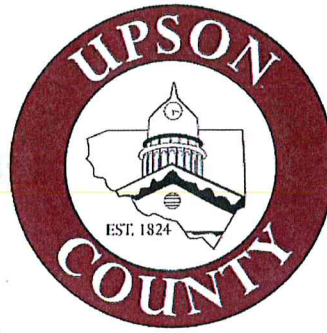


BUILDING SAFETY MONTH MAY



INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL

Upson County, Georgia Proclamation Building Safety Month — May 2017

Whereas, Upson County 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, building safety is achieved through the dedicated efforts of building inspectors 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;

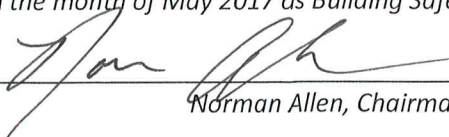
Whereas, our nation benefits economically and technologically from using the International Codes®, that are developed by a national, voluntary consensus codes and standards developing organization, therefore enabling Upson County to avoid the high cost and complexity of developing and maintaining these codes, which are the most widely adopted building safety and fire prevention codes in the nation; these modern building codes include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires, floods and earthquake; and;

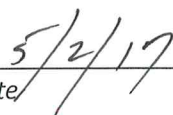
Whereas, Building Safety Month is sponsored by the International Code Council and Upson County to remind the public about the critical role of our communities' largely unknown guardians of public safety—our local code officials—who assure us of safe, efficient and livable buildings that are essential 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, all Upsonians, and the rest of America, are asked to consider the commitment to improve building safety and economic investment 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 federal agencies in protecting lives and property.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Norman Allen, Upson County Board of Commissioners Chairman, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2017 as Building Safety Month.


Norman Allen, Chairman


Date