

State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation

WHEREAS, Vermont is committed to recognizing that our growth and strength depends on the safety and economic value of homes, buildings and infrastructure that serve our citizens, both in everyday life and in times of natural disaster; and

WHEREAS, our confidence in the structural integrity of these buildings that make up our communities is achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians — building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, design professionals, laborers and others in the construction industry — who work year-round to ensure the safety of construction of buildings; and

WHEREAS, these guardians are dedicated members of the International Code Council, a U.S. based organization that brings together local, state and federal officials who are experts in the building environment to create and implement the highest quality codes to protect us in the buildings where we live, learn, work, worship, and play; and

WHEREAS, our nation benefits economically and technologically from using the International Codes® that are developed by a national voluntary consensus codes and standards organization, and our government is able 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 including safeguards for natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, Building Safety Month is sponsored by the International Code Council to remind the public about the critical role of our local code officials who assure we have the safe, efficient and livable buildings that are essential to keep Americans safe; 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, each year, in observance of Building Safety Month, Americans 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, Philip B. Scott, Governor, do hereby proclaim May 2017 as

BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 12th day of May, A.D. 2017.

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Philip B. Scott
Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brittney L. Wilson", written over a horizontal line.

Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs