

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

- Whereas,** West Virginia's continuing efforts to address the critical issues of safety, energy efficiency, water conservation, 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; and
- Whereas,** our confidence is achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians—building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, laborers, and others in the construction industry—who work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings; and
- Whereas,** these guardians who are dedicated members of the International Code Council use a governmental consensus process that brings together local, state, and federal officials with expertise in the built environment to create and implement the highest-quality codes to protect Americans in the buildings where we live, learn, work, worship, and play; and
- Whereas,** the International Codes, the most widely adopted building safety, energy, and fire prevention codes in the nation, are used by most U.S. cities, counties, and states; these modern building codes also include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires, and earthquakes; and
- Whereas,** *Building Safety Month* is sponsored by the International Code Council 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; and
- Whereas,** "Code Officials — Partners in Community Safety and Economic Growth" is the theme of 2017's *Building Safety Month*, and encourages all Americans to raise awareness of the importance of safe and resilient construction, fire prevention, disaster mitigation, and new technologies in the construction industry; and
- Whereas,** *Building Safety Month* outlines 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.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim *May 2017* as:

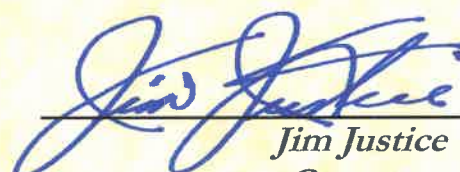
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in the Mountain State and urge all citizens to join me in this observance by considering projects to improve building safety and sustainability at home and in their community, and to acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us by local and state building departments, fire prevention bureaus, and federal agencies in protecting lives and property.


In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Twenty-Fourth day of April, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Seventeen, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Fourth year of the State.




Jim Justice
Governor

By the Governor:


Mac Warner
Secretary of State