

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Washington state recognizes that our growth and strength depend on the safety our homes, buildings and infrastructure provide, both in everyday life and when disaster strikes; and

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

WHEREAS, these guardians are dedicated members of the Washington Association of Building Officials and International Code Council, nonprofit organizations that bring together local, state, territorial, Tribal, and federal officials who are experts in the built environment to create and implement the highest-quality codes to protect us in the buildings where we live, learn, work, and play; and

WHEREAS, we join in support of this effort in association with the Washington Association of Building Officials and local chapters throughout the state, representing the state of Washington in national and local matter of public safety; and

WHEREAS, these modern building codes and standards include safeguards to protect the public from hazards such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires, floods, and earthquakes; and

WHEREAS, Building Safety Month is supported by the Washington Association of Building Officials and International Code Council to remind the public about the critical role of our communities' largely unknown protectors of public safety, our code officials, who ensure we have safe, sustainable and affordable buildings that are essential to our prosperity; and

WHEREAS, "Built To Last," the theme for Building Safety Month 2026, encourages us all to get involved and raise awareness about building safety on a personal, local and global scale; and

WHEREAS, each year, in observance of Building Safety Month, people all over the world are asked to consider the commitment to improve building safety, resilience and economic investment at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us by local, state, Tribal, territorial, and federal building safety and fire prevention departments in protecting lives and property;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Ferguson, governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim May 2026 as

Building Safety Month

in W _____ I urge all people in our state to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 28th day of April, 2026

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bob Ferguson".

Governor Bob Ferguson

