

WHEREAS; ensuring the health and safety of all Wisconsinites is a priority for the state, and the growth and strength of the state depend on the safety and economic value of homes, buildings, and infrastructure statewide, both in everyday life and when disasters strike; and

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin has long been committed to being a leader in designing, constructing, and maintaining safe buildings where all people can live, learn, work, grow, heal, worship, and visit, and the resilience of the buildings and infrastructure that make up Wisconsin’s communities can be attributed to the devotion of vigilant building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, design professionals, laborers, plumbers, and others in the construction industry; and

WHEREAS; created and implemented by the International Code Council—a nonprofit that brings together local, state, federal, territorial, and Tribal officials who are experts in the built environment—the International Codes are the most widely adopted building safety, energy, and fire prevention codes nationwide and include important safeguards to protect folks from hazards such as snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires, hurricanes, earthquakes, and floods; and

WHEREAS; this year’s theme, “Built to Last,” underscores the importance of safe, sustainable, and resilient infrastructure, which is critical now more than ever as hazards and severe weather events become an increasing threat across the state and the nation; and

WHEREAS; on this occasion, it is important to acknowledge the critical role of local code officials, who are the largely unsung protectors of public safety, that constantly assure the public of the safety, efficiency, and livability of buildings across the state; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin reaffirms its commitment to improving safety, resilience, and economic investment in its buildings and infrastructure and joins all Wisconsinites in acknowledging the essential services provided by village, town, city, county, Tribal, state, and federal code officials that ensure structures throughout the state are safe and sound;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim May 2026 as

## **BUILDING SAFETY MONTH**

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state’s residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 23rd day of April 2026.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State