



## AGENDA

### WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**Agenda Category:** Proclamation - Land Use & Transportation (CPO All)

**Agenda Title:** PROCLAIM MAY 2019 AS NATIONAL BUILDING SAFETY MONTH IN WASHINGTON COUNTY

**Presented by:** Andrew Singelakis, Director of Land Use & Transportation

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#### SUMMARY:

The Department of Land Use & Transportation (LUT) requests the Board join with others across the nation in declaring the month of May 2019 as “National Building Safety Month.” This year’s theme is “*No Code. No Confidence.*”

Founded by the International Code Council (ICC), Building Safety Month is celebrated by jurisdictions worldwide during the month of May with a month-long public awareness campaign to help individuals, families and businesses understand what it takes to create and sustain safe and sustainable structures. The campaign reinforces the need for adoption of modern, model building codes, a strong and efficient system of code enforcement and a well-trained, professional workforce to maintain the system.

The campaign is presented by the ICC and its 64,000 members worldwide along with a diverse partnership of professionals from the building construction, design and safety community. Corporations, government agencies, professional associations, nonprofits and more come together to support Building Safety Month because they understand the need for safe and sustainable structures where we live, work, and play.

Throughout May, LUT will partner with the County departments and agencies to reinforce the importance of emergency preparedness, resources for aging-in-place and the science behind building code safety.

Attachment: Proclamation

#### DEPARTMENT’S REQUESTED ACTION:

Proclaim May 2019 as “National Building Safety Month” in Washington County.

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#### COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S RECOMMENDATION:

I concur with the requested action.

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# *Proclamation*

## *Board of Commissioners for Washington County*

NATIONAL BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

May 2019

**WHEREAS**, our County is committed to recognizing that our growth and strength depends on the safety and economic value of the homes, buildings and infrastructure that serve our community, 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 community is achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians - 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**, National Building Safety Month reminds the public about the critical role served by the community's largely unknown guardians of public safety - our local code officials - who assure us safe, efficient and livable buildings; and

**WHEREAS**, "*No Code. No Confidence.*" the theme for Building Safety Month 2019, encourages all to raise awareness of the importance of safe and resilient construction; fire prevention; disaster mitigation, and new technologies in the construction industry. Building Safety Month 2019 encourages appropriate steps everyone can take to ensure the safety of our built environment and recognizes that the implementation of safety codes by local and state agencies has saved lives and protected homes and businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, each year, in observance of Building Safety Month, we 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, BE IT RESOLVED**, that on this 7th day of May, 2019, the Washington County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim May 2019 as NATIONAL BUILDING SAFETY MONTH in Washington County, and we call upon all residents, businesses and civic organizations to take steps to ensure the places where we live, learn, work, worship and play are safe and sustainable, and to recognize that countless lives have been saved due to the implementation of safety codes by local and state agencies.

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Kathryn Harrington, Chair

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Recording Secretary

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Minute Order