

ARC: Gov. Evers proclaims May as Building Safety Month

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MADISON - Governor Tony Evers has proclaimed May 2020, as Building Safety Month

throughout Wisconsin. The Alliance for Regulatory Coordination applauds this action as a way to raise awareness of the importance of building safety and to recognize the countless lives that have been saved due to the implementation of safety codes by state and municipal agencies in Wisconsin. Building Safety Month is sponsored each year by the International Code Council. This year's theme is "Safer Buildings. Safer Communities. Safer World".

In his proclamation, the Governor recognizes "...the contributions of building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, design professionals, laborers, plumbers, and others in the construction industry to overall public safety..."

The proclamation reminds us "...of the critical role of our communities' largely unsung protectors of public safety - our local code officials - who assure us of the safety, efficiency, and livability of our buildings..."

Wisconsin has traditionally been a national leader in building code implementation, according to Robert DuPont, Founder of the Alliance for Regulatory Coordination. In 1913 Wisconsin became the second state in the country, behind only the State of New York, to implement a state-wide building code for public buildings and places of employment.