

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
WALLA WALLA COUNTY, WASHINGTON

IN THE MATTER OF  
PROCLAIMING MAY, 2017 AS  
BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

RESOLUTION NO. **17 129**

WHEREAS, local efforts undertaken by the director and staff of the Walla Walla County Community Development Department guard the health, safety, and welfare of citizens; and

WHEREAS, protecting the County's buildings is the responsibility of building safety professionals who work to ensure our buildings are affordable and safe to occupy; and

WHEREAS, building safety professionals create and influence our built environment through the consensus development and implementation of the highest quality codes; 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 it is recognized that countless lives have been saved due to the implementation of safety codes by local and state agencies; and

WHEREAS, the theme for Building Safety Month 2017 is "**Code Officials - Partners in Community Safety and Economic Growth**", to encourage all Americans to raise awareness of the importance of building safe and resilient construction; and

WHEREAS, Code officials, the 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 should be recognized and acknowledged; now therefore

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by this Board of Walla Walla County Commissioners that they shall sign a proclamation declaring May, 2017 as Building Safety Month in Walla Walla County.

"Passed this 1st day of May, 2017 by Board members as follows: 3 Present or 0 Participating via other means, and by the following vote: 3 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstained 0 Absent."

Attest:

  
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Connie R. Vinti, Clerk of the Board

  
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James L. Duncan, Chairman, District 3

  
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James K. Johnson, Commissioner, District 1

  
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Todd L. Kimball, Commissioner, District 2

Constituting the Board of County Commissioners  
of Walla Walla County, Washington

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, our county's Community Development Department is continuing its efforts to address the critical issues of safety, energy efficiency and sustainability of the built environment that affect our citizens, both in everyday life and in times of natural disaster, and gives 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, laborers and others in the construction industry—who work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings; and

**WHEREAS**, these guardians develop 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 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**, each year, in observance of Building Safety Month, Americans are asked to consider projects to improve building safety and sustainability at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential services provided to all of us by local and state building departments and federal agencies in protecting lives and property; and

**WHEREAS**, it is fitting to recognize the dedication of those building safety and fire prevention officials and those in the related fields of the construction industry who diligently work to ensure the safety of buildings now and in the future; now therefore

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by this Board of Walla Walla County Commissioners that they do hereby proclaim

## **MAY, 2017, as BUILDING SAFETY MONTH**

in Walla Walla County and encourage all citizens of the county to observe this week appropriately.

Dated this 1st day of May, 2017, at Walla Walla County, Washington.



Attest:

Connie R Vinti  
Connie R. Vinti, Clerk of the Board

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