

**Building Safety Week
PROCLAMATION**

- WHEREAS:** The safety of the buildings we occupy daily is essential to the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Oregon; and
- WHEREAS:** Among the world's most fundamental laws and ordinances are those that provide standards for the construction of buildings in which our citizens may live, work, and play safely; and
- WHEREAS:** Building codes standards are designed to help ensure occupants' safety not only day-to-day, but also in disaster situations such as fires, floods, earthquakes, and storms; and
- WHEREAS:** Building permits, inspections by code professionals, and the use of licensed contractors on any construction job help ensure the safety and value of Oregonians' homes, offices, and public buildings; and
- WHEREAS:** Inspections help ensure that construction work meets the standards of the building code, revealing problems that could lead to costly repairs, and life and safety concerns such as fire hazards, structural weaknesses, or air quality problems; and
- WHEREAS:** State and local code officials work with the construction industry to ensure safe buildings for the public they serve; and
- WHEREAS:** The City of Oregon City in partnership with the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services' Building Codes Division, the Oregon Building Officials Association, the Oregon State Fire Marshal's Office, and the Oregon Construction Contractors Board, is promoting the awareness of building and construction codes as the foundations for building safety.
- NOW,
THEREFORE,** I, ALICE NORRIS, Mayor of the City of Oregon City, hereby proclaim May 7-11, 2006 to be

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in Oregon City and encourage all citizens to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the City of Oregon City to be affixed this day, April 19, 2006.



Alice Norris, Mayor

