



Office of the Mayor

# The City of Morgantown

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## Proclamation

- Whereas,** Our City's continuing efforts to address the critical issues of safety, energy efficiency, and sustainability in the built environment that affects our citizens, both in everyday life and in times of natural disaster, 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 safe construction of buildings; and
- Whereas,** These guardians – dedicated members of the International Code Council – develop and implement the highest quality codes to protect the citizens of Morgantown in the buildings where we live, work, learn, 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 sponsored by the International Code Council and the ICC Foundation, to remind us about the critical role of Morgantown's largely unknown guardians of public safety – our City of Morgantown Building Officials, Housing Inspectors and Administrative Staff – who assure us safe, efficient and livable buildings; and
- Whereas,** All citizens are encouraged to raise awareness of the importance of building safety; green and sustainable buildings; pool, spa, and hot tub safety; and new technologies in the construction industry and recognize that countless lives have been saved due to the implementation of building safety codes by the City of Morgantown and the State of West Virginia.

**Now therefore, I, Jenny Selin, Mayor of the City of Morgantown, West Virginia do hereby proclaim the month of May, 2014 as**

## **Building Safety Month** **An International Celebration of Safe and Sensible Structures**

In the City of Morgantown and ask our citizens to consider projects to improve building safety and sustainability at home and in the community and to acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us by our City Code Enforcement Department as well as State and Federal agencies in protecting lives and property.

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Jenny Selin, Mayor