

Proclamation

Building Safety Week 2007 May 6–12

Whereas, through our continuing attention to building safer for everyday life and in times of disaster, we enjoy the comfort and peace of mind of structures that are safe and sound; and,

Whereas, building safety and fire prevention officials are at work year round to guide the safe construction of buildings; and,

Whereas, the dedicated members of the International Code Council®, including building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, and others in the construction industry, develop and enforce codes to safeguard Americans in the buildings where we live, work, play, and learn; and,

Whereas, the International Codes®, the most widely adopted building safety and fire prevention codes in the nation, are used by most U.S. cities, counties and states. These modern building safety codes also include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters that can occur, such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires and, earthquakes; and,

Whereas, Building Safety Week, sponsored by the International Code Council Foundation®, is an excellent opportunity to educate the public. It is a perfect time to increase public awareness of the role building safety and fire prevention officials, local and state building departments, and federal agencies play in protecting lives and property; and,

Whereas, this year's theme, "*Building Smarter . . . for Disasters and Everyday Life*," encourages all Americans to raise our awareness of building safety. Everyone can take appropriate steps to ensure that the places where we live, work, play, and learn are safe. Countless lives have been saved because of the building safety codes adopted and enforced by local and state agencies; and,

Whereas, this year, as we observe Building Safety Week, we ask all Americans to consider projects to improve building safety at home and in the community, and to recognize the local building safety and fire prevention officials and the important role that they play in public safety, everyday and in times of disaster.

Now, therefore, it is hereby proclaimed that May 6 through May 12, 2007 is Building Safety Week in _____ (jurisdiction). Accordingly, our citizens are encouraged to join their fellow Americans in participating in Building Safety Week activities and assisting efforts to improve building safety.

Signed and sealed, this _____ day of _____, in the year Two Thousand and Seven.

Signature