



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

Whereas, through our continuing efforts to address critical safety issues in the built environment that affect our citizens, regardless of age or occupation, both in everyday life and in times of natural disaster, we are confident that our structures are safe and sound; and

Whereas, vigilant guardians - building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders and others in the construction industry - work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings; and

Whereas, these dedicated members of the International Code Council develop and implement the highest quality codes to protect Americans in the buildings where we live, learn, work and play; 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 such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires and earthquakes; and

Whereas, *Building Safety Week*, sponsored by the International Code Council, reminds the public about the critical role of our communities' largely unknown guardians of public safety - our local code officials - who help prevent countless fires and accidents; and

Whereas, the theme "Building Safety: Where You Live, Work and Play" encourages all Americans to raise awareness of the importance of building safety, green and sustainable building, pool, spa and hot tub safety, and new technologies in the construction industry; it presents appropriate steps everyone can take to ensure that the places where we live, learn, work and play are safe, and that countless lives have been saved due to the implementation of safety codes by local and state agencies; and

Whereas, this year, as we observe Building Safety Week, we ask everyone to consider projects to improve building safety at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us by local and state building departments and federal agencies in protecting lives and property;

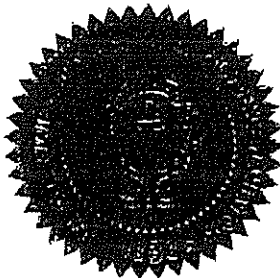
NOW, THEREFORE, I, DONALD L. CARCIERI, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM,

May 5 - 11, 2008

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Building Safety Week

in the State of Rhode Island and call on all citizens to join in recognizing Building Safety Week activities and assist efforts to improve building safety.



In recognition whereof, I have hereby set my hand and caused the Seal of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations to be hereunto affixed this 5th day of May 2008.

Donald L. Carcieri

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Governor

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Secretary of State