



Proclamation

Building Safety Week 2009
May 3-9

Whereas our state's continuing efforts to address the critical issues of safety, energy efficiency and sustainability in the built environment that affect our citizens, both in everyday life and in times of natural disaster, give 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—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, 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 Week is sponsored by the International Code Council and International Code Council Foundation, 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, "Building Safety: Where You Live, Work and Play," the theme for Building Safety Week 2009, 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. Building Safety Week 2009 encourages appropriate steps everyone can take to ensure that the places where we live, learn, work and play are safe and sustainable, and recognizes that countless lives have been saved due to the implementation of safety codes by local and state agencies.

Whereas, each year, in observance of Building Safety Week, Americans are asked 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 local and state building departments and federal agencies in protecting lives and property.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, _____, Governor of the State (Commonwealth) of _____, do hereby proclaim May 3 through May 9, 2009, as Building Safety Week. Accordingly, I encourage our citizens to join with their communities in participation in Building Safety Week activities.

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