
State of Iowa
Executive Department

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, THROUGH OUR CONTINUING EFFORTS TO ADDRESS CRITICAL SAFETY ISSUES IN THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT THAT AFFECTS ALL IOWANS, 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, SUCH AS IOWA 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 IOWA ASSOCIATION OF BUILDING OFFICIALS, IOWA STATE BUILDING CODE BUREAU AND THE INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL, INCLUDING BUILDING SAFETY AND FIRE PREVENTION OFFICIALS, 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 AND INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL FOUNDATION, REMINDS THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE CRITICAL ROLE OF OUR COMMUNITIES' LARGELY UNKNOWN GUARDIANS OF PUBLIC SAFETY, BUILDING SAFETY AND FIRE PREVENTION OFFICIALS, LOCAL AND STATE BUILDING DEPARTMENTS, AND FEDERAL AGENCIES WHO HELP PREVENT COUNTLESS DEATHS AND INJURIES FROM 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; DISASTER-RESISTANT, ENERGY EFFICIENT, 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

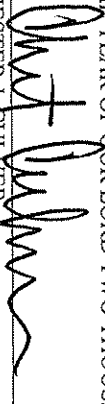
WHEREAS, THIS YEAR, AS WE OBSERVE BUILDING SAFETY WEEK, WE ASK ALL IOWANS TO CONSIDER PROJECTS TO IMPROVE BUILDING SAFETY AT HOME AND IN THE COMMUNITY, AND TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE ESSENTIAL SERVICE PROVIDED TO ALL OF US BY LOCAL AND STATE BUILDING DEPARTMENTS AND FEDERAL AGENCIES IN PROTECTING LIVES AND PROPERTY;

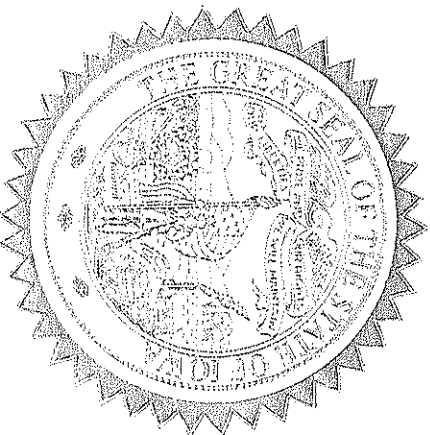
NOW, THEREFORE I, CHESTER J. CULVER, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF IOWA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM MAY 3 -- MAY 9, 2009, AS

BUILDING SAFETY WEEK


IN IOWA, AND I ENCOURAGE THE CITIZENS OF IOWA TO JOIN COMMUNITIES ACROSS AMERICA AND TO PARTICIPATE IN BUILDING SAFETY WEEK ACTIVITIES ASSISTING IN EFFORTS TO IMPROVE BUILDING SAFETY.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED, DONE AT DES MOINES THIS 1ST DAY OF APRIL IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND NINE.


CHESTER J. CULVER
GOVERNOR OF IOWA



ATTEST:


MICHAEL A. MAURO
SECRETARY OF STATE