

State of



Connecticut

By Her Excellency M. Jodi Rell, Governor: an

## Official Statement

*W*HEREAS, through our continuing efforts to address 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, we are confident that our structures are safe and sound; and

*W*HEREAS, 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

*W*HEREAS, the dedicated members of the International Code Council develop and implement the highest-quality codes to protect Americans in the buildings where we live, work, play, and learn; and

*W*HEREAS, 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, and include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires and earthquakes; and

*W*HEREAS, 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 – our local code officials – who assure us of safe, efficient and livable buildings; and

*W*HEREAS, this year's theme "Commemorating a 30-year Legacy of Leadership," encourages all Americans to raise their awareness 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 states agencies; and

*W*HEREAS, 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 acknowledge the essential service provided to all by local and state building departments and federal agencies in protecting lives and property; now

*T*HEREFORE, I, M. JODI RELL, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby officially proclaim the month of May 2010 as

**BUILDING SAFETY MONTH**  
in the State of Connecticut.



*M. Jodi Rell*  
Governor