



CHARLIE CRIST
GOVERNOR

BUILDING SAFETY WEEK

WHEREAS, through our continuing attention to build safe structures for everyday life and times of disaster, we enjoy the comfort and peace of mind from facilities 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 Building Officials Association of Florida, 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 Florida Building Codes are adopted and used by the State of Florida. These modern building safety codes also include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters that can occur such as hurricanes, tornadoes, wild land fires, and flooding; and

WHEREAS, Building Safety Week, sponsored by the Building Officials Association of Florida in conjunction with 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 is "Building Safety: where you live, work, and play." It encourages all Floridians to raise 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 Floridians to consider projects to improve building safety at home and in their 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, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing May 3 – 9, 2009 as *Building Safety Week*.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capitol, this 1st day of May, in the year two thousand nine.

Handwritten signature of Charlie Crist in blue ink.

Governor