



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the safety of the buildings we occupy daily is essential to the health, safety and welfare of the residents of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, among the world's most fundamental laws are those which provide safety standards for the construction of buildings in which people live, work, play and learn; and

WHEREAS, for construction and building codes to be effective and enforced, understanding and cooperation must exist between code officials and the people they serve; and

WHEREAS, Building Safety Week, sponsored by 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 building departments, state and federal agencies play in protecting lives and property; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme, "Building Safety: Where You Live, Work and Play," encourages all Illinois residents to raise public awareness of building and fire 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, during the observation of Building Safety Week, all Illinois residents are encouraged to consider projects to improve building safety at home and in the community, and to recognize local building safety and fire prevention officials and the important role that they play in public safety;

THEREFORE, I, Pat Quinn, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim May 3 - 9, 2009 as BUILDING SAFETY WEEK in Illinois, and encourage all citizens to recognize the importance of improving building safety in this state and to participate in activities and efforts planned for this week to improve building safety.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, in the City of Springfield,

this THIRTEENTH day of APRIL, in

the Year of Our Lord two thousand and NINE, and of the State of Illinois

the one hundred and NINETY-FIRST



Steve White

SECRETARY OF STATE

Pat Quinn

GOVERNOR