



*Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas*

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** THROUGH CONTINUING EFFORTS TO ADDRESS CRITICAL SAFETY ISSUES IN THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT THAT AFFECT OUR CITIZENS, IN EVERYDAY LIFE AND IN TIMES OF NATURAL DISASTER, WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT OUR STRUCTURES ARE SAFE AND SOUND; AND

**WHEREAS,** BUILDING SAFETY AND FIRE PREVENTION OFFICIALS, ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, BUILDERS AND OTHERS WORK YEAR-ROUND TO ENSURE THE SAFE CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS. THESE DEDICATED MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT THE HIGHEST-QUALITY CODES 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 TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC FROM NATURAL DISASTERS; AND

**WHEREAS,** BUILDING SAFETY WEEK, SPONSORED BY THE INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL, REMINDS THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE CRITICAL ROLE OF OUR COMMUNITIES' LOCAL CODE OFFICIALS; AND

**WHEREAS,** THE THEME, "BUILDING SAFETY: WHERE YOU LIVE, WORK AND PLAY," ENCOURAGES ALL AMERICANS TO RAISE AWARENESS OF BUILDING SAFETY; GREEN AND SUSTAINABLE BUILDING; POOL, SPA AND HOT TUB SAFETY; AND NEW TECHNOLOGIES IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY; IT PRESENTS APPROPRIATE STEPS 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; AND

**WHEREAS,** EVERYONE SHOULD 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, JOE REARDON, MAYOR/CEO OF THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF WYANDOTTE COUNTY/KANSAS CITY, KANSAS, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM MAY 3 – 9, 2009, AS:

## "BUILDING SAFETY WEEK"

IN WYANDOTTE COUNTY/KANSAS CITY, KANSAS IN WITNESS WHEREOF I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND SEAL OF THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF WYANDOTTE COUNTY/KANSAS CITY, KANSAS THIS 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF MAY 2009.



  
JOE REARDON, MAYOR/CEO