

Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

His Excellency Governor Deval L. Patrick

Whereas Our Commonwealth's continuing efforts to address the critical issues of safety, energy efficiency and sustainability in buildings give us confidence that our structures are safe and sound; and

Whereas Our building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, laborers and others in the construction industry work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings; and

Whereas These guardians, dedicated members of the International Code Council, develop and implement the highest-quality codes to protect Bay Staters in the buildings where we live, learn, work, worship and play; and

Whereas Modern building safety codes, energy and fire prevention codes, are used by most U.S. cities, counties and states; these modern building codes also include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires and earthquakes, and

Whereas "Building Safety Month: Commemorating a 30-year Legacy of Leadership," the theme for Building Safety Month 2010, encourages all Americans to be aware of the importance of building safety; green and sustainable building; pool, spa and hot tub safety; and new technologies in the construction industry. We also encourage appropriate steps everyone can take to ensure that the places where we live, learn, work, worship and play are safe and sustainable; and

Whereas Each year, in observance of Building Safety Month, Americans are asked to consider projects to improve building safety and sustainability 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, Deval L. Patrick, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim May 2010, to be

BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

And urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this first day of May, in the year two thousand and ten, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-third.

By His Excellency

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DEVAL L. PATRICK
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

A blue ink signature of William Francis Galvin, written in a cursive style.

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH



and Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts