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Dear friends:

I am pleased to recognize Building Safety Week in Montana during the first full week in May. The theme for this national event is "Building Safety: Where You Live, Work and Play." First observed in 1980, Building Safety Week raises public understanding of critical safety issues affecting the structural soundness of the buildings where we live and work, reliability of fire prevention and suppression systems, plumbing and mechanical systems, and energy efficiency and sustainability. The State Department of Labor and Industry – Building Codes Bureau and certified local building jurisdictions throughout Montana are participating this year.

Every day in Montana building inspectors, plan reviewers, fire officials, and others in the state and local building jurisdictions work to ensure the safety of the structures in which all of us live, work, attend school, worship and play. Utilizing national standards developed by the International Code Council, sponsors of Building Safety Week, these officials provide the first line of defense against building disasters in their role as "First Preventers". Dedicated folks in Montana's Building Codes Bureau and in certified local building jurisdictions throughout the state work daily to ensure safety in the built environment.

On behalf of all Montanans I express my pride and gratitude for the professionalism and commitment of our state and local workers involved in this critical area of public safety.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized letter 'B' followed by a horizontal line.

BRIAN SCHWEITZER
Governor