

State of New Hampshire
By His Excellency
John H. Lynch, Governor

A Proclamation

BUILDING SAFETY WEEK
MAY 3-9, 2009

WHEREAS, Vigilant guardians – building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders and others in the construction industry – work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings; and

WHEREAS, These dedicated members of the International Code Council develop and implement the highest-quality codes to protect Americans in the buildings 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 by most American cities, counties and states; and

WHEREAS, These modern building safety codes also include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires and earthquakes; and

WHEREAS, **Building Safety Week**, sponsored by the International Code Council, reminds the public about the critical role of our communities' largely unknown guardians of public safety – our local code officials – who help prevent countless fires and accidents; and

WHEREAS, The theme of **Building Safety Week**, "Building Safety: Where You Live, Work and Play," encourages all Americans to raise awareness of the importance of constructing safe, green and sustainable buildings, as well about pool, spa and hot tub safety and new technologies in the construction industry. Building Safety Week and related activities present appropriate steps everyone can take to ensure that the places where we live, learn, work and play are safe and reminds us that countless lives have been saved due to the implementation of safety codes by local and state agencies; and

WHEREAS, This year, we ask everyone to consider projects to improve building safety in our homes and in the community and to acknowledge the essential services provided to all of us by local and state building departments and federal agencies in protecting lives and property;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN H. LYNCH, GOVERNOR of the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim **MAY 3 –9, 2009** as **BUILDING SAFETY WEEK** and encourage all citizens to recognize the importance of building safety in our daily lives.



Given at the Executive Chamber in Concord, this 23rd day of April, in the year of Our Lord two thousand and nine, and the independence of the United States of America, two hundred and thirty-three.


John H. Lynch
Governor