



STATE OF NEW MEXICO EXECUTIVE OFFICE SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Proclamation

WHEREAS, our state's continuing efforts to address the critical issues of safety, energy efficiency and sustainability in the built environment that affect our citizens, both in everyday life and in times of natural disaster, give us confidence that our structures are safe and sound; and

WHEREAS, our confidence is achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians – building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, laborers and others in the construction industry – who 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 our citizens in the buildings where we live, learn, work and play; and

WHEREAS, the International Codes, the most widely adopted building safety, energy and fire prevention codes in the nation, are used by most U.S. cities, counties and states; these modern building codes also include safeguards to protect the public from natural disorders such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wild land fires and earthquakes; and

WHEREAS, "Building Safety: Where you Live, Work and Play," the theme for Building Safety Week 2009, encourages all New Mexicans to raise awareness of the importance of building safety; green and sustainable building; pool, spa and hot tub safety; and new technologies in the construction industry; and

WHEREAS, we take the time 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, Bill Richardson, Governor of the State of New Mexico, do hereby proclaim May 3-9, 2009 as:

"Building Safety Week"

throughout the State of New Mexico and encourage all citizens to join with their communities in participation in Building Safety Week activities.

Attest:

Mary Herrera
Mary Herrera
Secretary of State



Done at the Executive Office this
21st day of April, 2009.

Witness my hand and the Great Seal
of the Great State of New Mexico

Bill Richardson
Bill Richardson
Governor