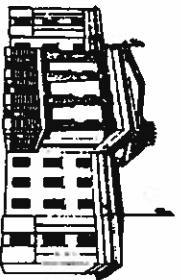


State of North Carolina



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE
GOVERNOR

BUILDING SAFETY WEEK

2009

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, North Carolina'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 are dedicated members of the International Code Council and North Carolina Office of State Fire Marshal, they 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, 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 disasters such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildfires and earthquakes, and;

WHEREAS, Building Safety Week is sponsored by the North Carolina Office of the State Fire Marshal and International Code Council Foundation, to remind the public about the critical role of our largely unknown local code officials who assure us of safe, efficient and livable buildings, and;

WHEREAS, "Building Safety: Where You Live, Work and Play," the theme for Building Safety Week 2009, encourages all Americans to raise awareness of the importance of building safe green and sustainable buildings and new technologies in the construction industry. Building Safety Week 2009 encourages appropriate steps everyone can take to ensure that the places where we live, learn, work and play are safe and sustainable, and recognizes that countless lives have been saved due to the implementation of safety codes by local and state agencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 3-9, 2009, as **BUILDING SAFETY WEEK**, and accordingly, I encourage our citizens to join with their communities in Building Safety Week activities.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Beverly Eaves Perdue".

BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this fifth day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-third.