

STATE OF OHIO

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## IN RECOGNITION OF BUILDING SAFETY WEEK

The safety of the buildings we occupy in our everyday lives is vital to the well-being and common good of all Ohioans; and

the body of laws and regulations which govern the building process, together with effective enforcement, provide for the safe construction of new buildings and maintenance of existing structures throughout the state; and

the advancement of innovative technology and sound building practice is dependent on the ability and freedom of public officials to administer the building codes under their jurisdiction in a safe and responsible manner; and

the need to protect public health and safety requires not only the untiring efforts of state, county, municipal, and township code officials, but the informed awareness and earnest support of all entities and persons within the private sector; and

the Ohio Department of Commerce Division of Industrial Compliance, the Ohio Board of Building Standards, the Ohio Building Officials' Association, and the Ohio fire service and many others in the construction industry are committed to applying the highest standards of excellence in protecting the public's health, safety, and general welfare; and

this year's theme, "Building Safety: Where You Live, Work and Play" encourages all Ohioans to raise their awareness of building safety; by taking appropriate steps to ensure that the places where we live, work, and play are safe; and countless lives have been saved because of the building safety codes adopted and enforced by local and state agencies;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ted Strickland**, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize **May 3-9, 2009** as

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throughout the State of Ohio, and urge all Ohioans to observe this week in ways significant to its importance.



**Ted Strickland**  
Governor