

STATE OF OREGON  
**PROCLAMATION**  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

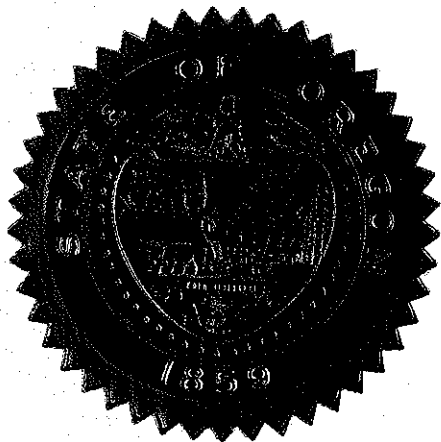
- WHEREAS:** Our state's continuing efforts to address the critical issues of safety, energy efficiency and sustainability in the built environment that affect our citizens, both in everyday life and in times of natural disaster, give us confidence that our structures are safe and sound; and
- WHEREAS:** Our confidence is achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians—building safety and fire prevention officials and others in the construction industry—who work to ensure buildings are safe; and
- WHEREAS:** The International Codes, the most widely adopted building safety, energy and fire prevention codes in the nation; provide safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters; and
- WHEREAS:** Building Safety Week is sponsored by the International Code Council, to remind the public about the critical role of our communities' public safety guardians—our 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, raises awareness of the importance of building safety; green and sustainable building; pool, spa and hot tub safety. Building Safety Week 2009 recognizes that countless lives have been saved due to the implementation of safety codes by local and state agencies; and
- WHEREAS:** Each year, in observance of Building Safety Week, Americans are asked to improve building safety and sustainability at home and in the community, and 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, Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **May 3-9, 2009** to be

**BUILDING SAFETY WEEK**

in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, April 29, 2009.



*Theodore R. Kulongoski*

Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor

*Kate Brown*

Kate Brown, Secretary of State