



CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:

BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

WHEREAS, the health and safety of all Virginians are important to the happiness, prosperity and well-being of our Commonwealth's families and communities; and

WHEREAS, through Virginia's continuing efforts to address critical safety issues in the built environment that affect our citizens, regardless of age or occupation, both in everyday life and in times of natural disaster, we are confident that our structures are safe and sound; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting to recognize the efforts of architects, engineers, builders and others in the construction industry who diligently work year round to ensure the safe construction of the buildings in which we live, learn, work and play; and

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

WHEREAS, building safety professionals in Virginia are sponsoring deck and pool safety awareness and inspections to promote building safety throughout the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, it is important to educate the public on the role that building safety and fire prevention officials, government agencies, and local code officials play in protecting the lives and property of our citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert F. McDonnell, do hereby recognize May 2010 as **BUILDING SAFETY MONTH** in our **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



Robert F. McDonnell
Governor

Janet V. Polarek
Secretary of the Commonwealth