

Proclamations

by Governor Joe Manchin III

Whereas, through our continuing efforts to address critical building safety issues that affect our citizens, regardless of age or occupation, both in everyday life and in times of natural disaster; and,

Whereas, vigilant guardians – building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders and others in the construction industry – work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings; and,

Whereas, these dedicated members of the International Code Council 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 and fire prevention codes in the nation, which are used by most United States cities, counties and states, include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornados, wildland fires and earthquakes; and,

Whereas, *Building Safety Week*, sponsored by the International Code Council, reminds the public about the critical role of our communities' largely unknown guardians of public safety – our local code officials – who help prevent countless fires and accidents; and,

Whereas, *Building Safety: Where You Live, Work and Play*, encourages all Americans 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, presents appropriate steps that everyone can take to ensure that the places where we live, learn, work and play are safe, and that countless lives will be saved through the implementation of safety codes by local and state agencies; and,

Whereas, this year, as we observe *Building Safety Week*, we ask everyone to consider projects to improve building safety 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, Be it Resolved that I, Joe Manchin III, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby recognize **May 3-9, 2009**, as:

Building Safety Week

in the Mountain State and urge all West Virginians to recognize the importance of building safety and the International Code Council.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Twenty-seventh day of April, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Nine, and in the One Hundred Forty-sixth year of the state.



Joe Manchin III
Governor

By the Governor:



Natalie E. Tennant
Secretary of State

