Commonwealth of Massachusetts

A Proclamation

His Excellency Governor Deval L. Patrick

Whereas Through our continuing efforts to address critical safety issues in the building 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 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 design, construction and regulatory communities develop and implement the highest-quality codes to protect Americans in the buildings where they live, learn, work and play; and

Whereas The these modern building safety codes also include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, woodland fires and earthquakes; and

Whereas Sponsored by the International Code Council, this week seeks to remind the public about the critical role of our communities' largely unknown guardians of public safety – our local building, fire, plumbing, electrical and other safety officials – who help prevent countless fires and accidents; and

Whereas The theme *"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; and it presents appropriate steps everyone can take to ensure that the places we live, learn, work and play are safe, and that countless lives have been saved due to the implementation of safety codes by local and state agencies; and

Whereas This year, as we observe it, 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, I, Deval L. Patrick, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim May 4th – 10th, 2008, to be

BUILDING SAFETY WEEK

And urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this first day of May, in the year two thousand and eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-first.

By His Excellency

DEVAL L. PATRICK
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts