

Proclamation

WHEREAS, through our continuing attention to building safety for everyday life and in times of disaster, we enjoy the comfort and peace of mind of structures that are safe and sound; and,

WHEREAS, building safety officials are at work year round to guide the safe construction of buildings; and,

WHEREAS, the dedicated members of the International Code Council®, including building safety officials, architects, engineers, builders, and others in the construction industry, develop and enforce codes to safeguard Americans in the buildings where we live, work, play, and learn; and,

WHEREAS, the International Codes®, the most widely adopted building safety codes in the nation, are used by most U.S. cities, counties and states. These modern building safety codes also include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters that can occur, such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes; and,

WHEREAS, Building Safety Week is an excellent opportunity to educate the public. It is a perfect time to increase public awareness of the role building safety officials and their departments play in protecting lives and property; and,

WHEREAS, this year's theme, "*Building Safety: Where you live, work and play,*" encourages all citizens of Anne Arundel County to raise our awareness of building safety. Everyone can take appropriate steps to ensure that the places where we live, work, play, and learn are safe. Countless lives have been saved because of the building safety codes adopted and enforced by local and state agencies; and,

WHEREAS, this year, as we observe Building Safety Week, we ask all Citizens of Anne Arundel County to consider projects to improve building safety at home and in the community, and to recognize the local building safety officials and the important role that they play in public safety, everyday and in times of disaster. All citizens are encouraged to join their fellow Americans in participating in building Safety Week Activities and assisting efforts to improve building safety.

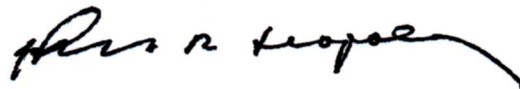
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN R. LEOPOLD, COUNTY EXECUTIVE
OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND
DO HEREBY PROCLAIM**

May 3 – 9, 2009

Building Safety Week

In

Anne Arundel County



JOHN R. LEOPOLD, County Executive
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto
set my hand and caused the Great Seal of
Anne Arundel County to be affixed this
23rd day of April in the year of our Lord,
two thousand and nine.