

# Office of the State of Maryland Fire Marshal



## Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

### BUILDING SAFETY WEEK

MAY 3 - 9, 2009

**WHEREAS,** Our state's continuing efforts to address the critical issues of safety, energy efficiency and sustainability in the built environment that affect our citizen, both in everyday life and in times of natural disaster, give us confidence that our structures are safe and sound; and

**WHEREAS,** The International Codes, the most widely adopted building safety and fire prevention 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, wildland fires and, earthquakes; and

**WHEREAS,** Building Safety Week, sponsored by the International Code Council Foundation, is an excellent opportunity to educate the public. It is a perfect time to increase public awareness of the role building safety and fire prevention officials, local and state building departments, and federal agencies play in protecting lives and property; and

**WHEREAS,** This year's 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.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARTIN O'MALLEY, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim**  
**MAY 3 - 9, 2009 as BUILDING SAFETY WEEK in Maryland, and encourage all citizens to join in participating in Building Safety Week activities and assisting efforts to improve building safety.**

Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,

this 1st day of May  
Two Thousand and nine

  
Governor

  
Lt. Governor

  
Secretary of State

