



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, building safety affects the daily lives of New Yorkers and all Americans, and we look for security, and sound construction in the offices, schools, shopping malls, public institutions, and other buildings we use regularly;

Whereas, the structural integrity of buildings, along with proper design and fire prevention measures are important to public safety, and building codes also establish standards that decrease vulnerability to natural forces such as high hurricanes, earthquakes, fires, and snowstorms, and limit the impact of catastrophes such as fires and acts of terrorism;

Whereas, through the ongoing efforts of building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, contractors and others in the construction industry to address critical issues in the built environment, we are confident that our structures are safe and sound, and offer the greatest security in everyday life and in times of natural disaster;

Whereas, New York State has updated the Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code (the Uniform Code) incorporating the provisions of the International Codes – a comprehensive and coordinated set of codes designed to ensure the safety of buildings and people, and with nearly 1,200 standards covering an array of building and construction issues; and

Whereas, the State Fire Prevention and Building Code Council is a 17-member board that includes industry design professionals, fire officials, code officials, and State and local public officials, and this collective body maintains and periodically updates the Code, and also assesses the effectiveness of standards for health, safety and security; and

Whereas, Building Safety Week is a nationwide observance that increases public awareness of fire prevention building safety, and encourages the use and enforcement of related codes by local code enforcement officials and fire officials; and this year's theme: "Building Safety: Where You Live, Work and Play," stresses the importance of maintaining standards in the construction of buildings to ensure the places in which we live, work, and recreate are safe; and

Whereas, New York State recognizes that the structural integrity and fire safety of buildings is critical, and in support of this important issue, and furthermore reminds our citizens to be conscious of all aspects of building safety and the valuable work of those professionals who help maintain high standards of building design, construction and maintenance;

Now, Therefore, I, David A. Paterson, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim May 3-9, 2009 a

BUILDING SAFETY WEEK

in the Empire State.

Given under my hand and the Privy Seal of the

at the Capitol in the City of Albany this twentieth day of April in the year two thousand nine.



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