



CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

By Virtue of the Authority vested by the Constitution in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:

BUILDING SAFETY WEEK

WHEREAS, through Virginia's continuing efforts to address critical safety issues in the built environment that affects 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, building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders and others in the construction industry work year round to guide the safe construction of buildings and homes; and

WHEREAS, Building Safety Week, sponsored nationally by the International Code Council and promoted by the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development statewide, is designed to educate the public about the role that building safety and fire protection officials, local and state building departments, and federal agencies play in protecting our lives and property; 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

WHEREAS, as we observe Building Safety Week, we ask Virginians to consider projects to improve building safety at home and in the community, and to recognize local building safety and fire prevention officials and the important role they play in public safety; and

WHEREAS, this year, the building safety professionals in Virginia are sponsoring deck safety awareness through a variety of public service announcements as well as on-site inspections to promote building safety throughout the Commonwealth;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Timothy M. Kaine, do hereby recognize May 3 – 9, 2009 as **BUILDING SAFETY WEEK** in the **COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA**, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.



Handwritten signature of Timothy M. Kaine.

Governor

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Secretary of the Commonwealth