

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, through our continuing attention to building safety, we enjoy the comfort and peace of mind of structures that are safe and sound; and

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

WHEREAS, the dedicated members of the Washington Association of Building Officials and the International Code Council, including building safety and fire prevention 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, Building Safety Week, sponsored by the International Code Council Foundation, is a perfect time to increase public awareness of the role building safety and fire prevention play in protecting lives and property; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme, *Building Safety: Where You Live, Work and Play* recognizes that countless lives have been saved because of adopted and enforced building safety codes, and encourages all Americans to raise awareness of building safety and its importance in keeping us safe;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim May 3-9, 2009, as

Building Safety Week

in Washington State, and I urge all citizens to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 24th day of April, 2009

Handwritten signature of Christine O. Gregoire in blue ink.

Governor Christine O. Gregoire

