



**BUILDING SAFETY WEEK 2009
MAY 3 – 9, 2009**

WHEREAS, through our continuing efforts to address critical safety issues in the built environment that affect our citizens, 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 ensure the safe construction of buildings; and

WHEREAS, these dedicated members of the International Code Council develop and implement the highest-quality codes to protect Americans in the buildings where we live, learn, work and play; and

WHEREAS, the International Codes, the most widely adopted building safety and fire prevention codes in the nation, are used by most United States cities, counties and states; these modern building safety codes include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, fires and earthquakes; and

WHEREAS, Building Safety Week, sponsored by International Code Council, reminds the public about the critical role of our communities' largely unknown guardians of public safety – our local code officials – who help prevent countless fires and accidents; and

WHEREAS, the theme, "Building Safety Week: Where You Live, Work and Play," encourages all Americans to raise awareness of the importance of building safety and that countless lives have been saved due to the implementation of safety codes by local and state agencies; and

WHEREAS, this year, as we observe Building Safety Week, we ask everyone to consider projects to improve building safety at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us by local and state building departments and federal agencies in protecting lives and property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Michelle R. Ressler, Chair and on behalf of the Gloucester County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim the week of May 3 through May 9, 2009, as Building Safety Week in Gloucester County, and further extend appreciation to our Building Code Administrators, Officials and Inspectors for the vital services they perform and their exemplary dedication to the community.

Michelle R. Ressler, Chair
Gloucester County Board of Supervisors
April 21, 2009

