



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, through our continuing efforts to address critical safety issues in the building environment affecting 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**, vigilant guardians – 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 U.S. cities, counties and states; these modern building safety codes also include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires and earthquakes; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the theme, "Building Safety: Where You Live, Work and Play," encourages all Americans to raise awareness of the importance of building safety; disaster-resistant, energy efficient, green and sustainable building; pool, spa and hot tub safety; and new technologies in the construction industry; it presents appropriate steps everyone can take to ensure that the places where we live, learn, work and play are safe, 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**, I Phil Bredesen, Governor of the State of Tennessee do hereby proclaim May 3 through May 9, 2009, as

## BUILDING SAFETY WEEK

in Tennessee and I encourage our citizens to join communities across America to participate in Building Safety Week activities.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this 19th day of March, 2009.

Governor

Secretary of State

