



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, New York State's continuing efforts to address the critical issues of building safety, energy efficiency and sustainability, both in everyday life and in times of natural disaster, give us confidence that our structures are safe and sound; and

Whereas, our confidence is achieved through the excellence of our building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, contractors and others in the construction industry who work tirelessly to ensure the safe construction of buildings; and

Whereas, these devoted professionals develop and implement the highest-quality codes to protect Americans in the buildings where we live, learn, work, worship, and play; and

Whereas, the International Codes, the most widely adopted building safety, energy and fire prevention codes in the nation, are used by the State of New York and include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildfires and earthquakes; and

Whereas, "Building Safety Month: An International Celebration of Safe and Sensible Structures," the theme for Building Safety Month 2012, encourages all Americans to be conscious 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, Building Safety Month 2012 recognizes that countless lives have been saved due to the implementation of safety codes by local and state agencies; and

Whereas, each year, in observance of Building Safety Month, New Yorkers are asked to consider projects to improve building safety and sustainability at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us by those professionals dedicated to protecting lives and property;

Now, Therefore, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim May 2012 as

BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

in the Empire State.



Given under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State
at the Capitol in the City of Albany this ninth day of
May in the year two thousand twelve.

Governor

Secretary to the Governor