

BUILDING SAFETY WEEK

- WHEREAS: The United States has the highest level of building safety in the world; and
- WHEREAS: The International Code Council, in partnership with the Building Officials Association of Georgia, dedicated building safety and fire officials, architects, engineers and the construction industry, develops and enforces the codes that safeguard us in our homes, at school and in the buildings where we work; and
- WHEREAS: It often goes unnoticed that building safety affects so many aspects of our daily lives and that, thanks to building safety code enforcement, we enjoy structures that are safe and sound; and
- WHEREAS: Building safety and fire officials work with our citizens to address building safety concerns every day; from preventing mold in homes to minimizing the impact of West Nile Virus in communities, they play a vital role in ensuring the safety of our critical infrastructure; and
- WHEREAS: Construction codes provide reasonable safeguards to protect us from dangerous situations such as snowstorms in the North, hurricanes in the Southeast, tornadoes in the Midwest, forest fires in the Southwest and earthquakes on the West Coast, improving the safety and security of our citizens and saving countless lives; and
- WHEREAS: Building Safety Week, sponsored by the International Code Council, is an opportunity to educate the public, and it is a perfect time to increase public awareness of the life safety services provided by local and state building departments, as well as federal agencies; and
- WHEREAS: The theme of Building Safety Week is "Safe Buildings Save Lives," to raise awareness of building safety and to encourage individuals to take steps to improve our structural environment; and
- THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 6-12, 2003, as BUILDING SAFETY WEEK in Georgia and encourage residents to participate in Building Safety Week activities and to commence efforts to improve building safety at home and in the community.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this ninth day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand three.