



By His Excellency Dannel P. Malloy, Governor: an
Official Statement

*W*HEREAS, our state's continuing efforts to address the critical issues of safety, energy efficiency, water conservation, and sustainability give us confidence that our structures are safe and sound; and

*W*HEREAS, our confidence is achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians – building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, laborers, and others in the construction industry who work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings; and

*W*HEREAS, the International Codes, the most widely adopted building safety, most U.S. cities, counties, and states use energy, and fire prevention codes in the nation. These modern building codes also include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters, such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornados, wild land fires and earthquakes; and

*W*HEREAS, Building Safety Month reminds the public about the critical role our communities' largely unknown guardians of public safety—our local code officials—in maintaining safe, efficient, and livable buildings; and

*W*HEREAS, this year's theme, "Resilient Communities Start with Building Codes" encourages all Americans to raise awareness of the importance of building safety, green and sustainable buildings, pool, spa and hot tub safety, and new technologies in the construction industry. Building Safety Month 2015 encourages appropriate steps everyone can take to ensure that the places where we live, learn, work, worship, and play are safe and sustainable, and recognizes that countless lives have been saved due to implementation of safety by local and state agencies; and

*W*HEREAS, each year, in observance of Building Safety Month, Americans are asked to consider projects to improve building safety and sustainability at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential services provided to all of us by local and state building departments and federal agencies in protecting lives and property; now

*T*HEREFORE, I, Dannel P. Malloy, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby officially proclaim the month of May 2017 as

BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

in the State of Connecticut and encourage our citizens to join with other communities in participation in Building Safety Month activities.




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