



STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

*Proclamation*

WHEREAS, New Jersey's continuing efforts to address the critical issues of safety, energy efficiency, water conservation and sustainability in the buildings that are used by residents, both in everyday life and in times of natural disaster, give us confidence that our structures are safe and sound; and

WHEREAS, our confidence in the structural integrity of these buildings that make up our communities is achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians—building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, design professionals, laborers and others in the construction industry—who work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings; and

WHEREAS, these outstanding members of the International Code Council 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 Cods, the most widely adopted building safety, energy and fire prevention codes in the Nation, which are used by most U.S. cities, counties and states, include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters, such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildfires and earthquakes; and

WHEREAS Building Safety Month is sponsored by the International Code Council to remind the public about the critical role of our communities' largely unknown guardians of public safety—our local code officials—who assure us of safe, efficient and livable buildings that are essential to the well-being of our residents; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme for Building Safety Month, "Code Officials - Partners in Community Safety and Economic Growth," encourages Americans to raise awareness of the importance of building safety, educates the public on steps they can take to ensure our buildings are safe and sustainable, and recognizes that countless lives have been saved due to the implementation of safety codes by local and state agencies;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS CHRISTIE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

**MAY 2017**  
**AS**  
**BUILDING SAFETY MONTH**

in New Jersey.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this seventh day of April in the year two thousand seventeen, the two hundred forty-first year of the Independence of the United States.

*Kim Guadagno*  
Lt. GOVERNOR

*Chris Christie*  
GOVERNOR