



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, 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, the most widely adopted building safety and fire prevention codes in the nation are used by most U.S. cities, counties and states; and

WHEREAS, these modern building safety codes also include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wild land fires and earthquakes; and

WHEREAS, countless lives have been saved due to the implementation of safety codes by local and state agencies; and

WHEREAS, Building Safety Month 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, Building Safety Month encourages all Americans to raise awareness of the importance of building safety; and

WHEREAS, as we observe Building Safety Month, we ask Tennesseans 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, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2013 as

Building Safety Month

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.

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 sixth day of February, 2013.

A blue ink signature of Bill Haslam, the Governor of Tennessee.

Governor

A blue ink signature of Joe Ragan, the Secretary of State of Tennessee.

Secretary of State

