STATE *of* MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: The safety of the buildings we occupy daily is essential to our health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS: The laws and ordinances that provide standards for the safe construction of buildings in which people live, work, and play are critically important; and

WHEREAS: For construction and building codes to be effective and enforceable, understanding and cooperation must exist between code officials and the people they serve; and

WHEREAS: In partnership with dedicated building safety and fire officials, architects, engineers, and the construction industry, code officials develop and administer health and life safety standards that safeguard us in our homes, schools, and workplaces; and

WHEREAS: Countless lives have been saved because of the building safety codes adopted and administered by building safety and fire prevention officials in government agencies; and

WHEREAS: Building Safety Week is an opportunity to educate the public and increase awareness of the life safety services provided by local and state building departments; and

WHEREAS: The theme of Building Safety Week 2009, "Building Safety: Where You Live, Work, and Play," encourages all Minnesotans to raise our awareness of building safety and to take appropriate steps to ensure that the places where we live, work, play, and learn are safe.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM PAWLENTY, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of May 3 - 9, 2009, as:

BUILDING SAFETY WEEK

in the State of Minnesota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this fourth day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and nine, and of the State the one hundred fiftieth.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE