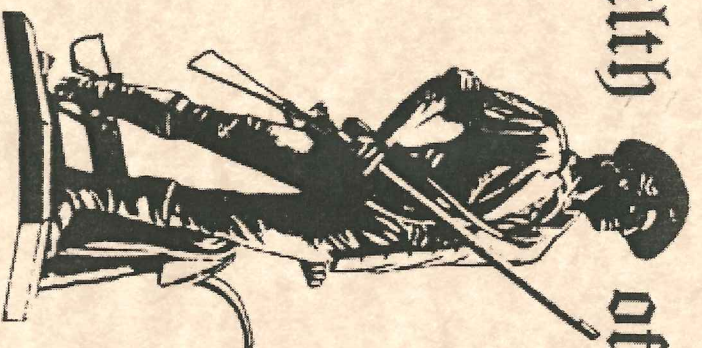


Commonwealth of Massachusetts



A Proclamation

His Excellency Governor Deval L. Patrick

- Whereas** Our Commonwealth's continuing efforts to address the critical issues of safety, energy efficiency and sustainability in buildings give us confidence that our structures are safe and sound; and
- Whereas** Our building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, laborers and others in the construction industry work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings; and
- Whereas** These guardians, dedicated members of the International Code Council, develop and implement the highest-quality codes to protect Bay Staters in the buildings where we live, learn, work, worship and play; and
- Whereas** Modern building safety codes, energy and fire prevention codes, are used by most U.S. cities, counties and states; these modern building codes also include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires and earthquakes; and
- Whereas** "Building Safety Month: An International Celebration of Safe and Sensible Structures" the theme for Building Safety Month 2012, encourages all Americans to raise awareness of the importance of building safety; green and sustainable building; pool, spa and hot tub safety; and new technologies in the construction industry; and

Whereas 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 service provided to all of us by local and state building departments and federal agencies in protecting lives and property,

Now, Therefore, I, Deval L. Patrick, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim May 2012, to be

BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

And urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this first day of May, in the year two thousand and twelve, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-fifth.

By His Excellency

DEVAL L. PATRICK
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH



WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts