

**Proclamation**  
**Building Safety Week**  
**May 3 - 9, 2009**

**Whereas,** through our continuing attention to building safety, we enjoy the comfort and peace of mind of structures that are safe and sound; and

**Whereas,** building safety and fire prevention officials are at work year round to guide the safe construction of buildings; and

**Whereas,** the dedicated members of the International Code Council, including building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers and others in the construction industry, develop and enforce codes to safeguard Americans in the buildings where we live, work, play and learn; and

**Whereas,** the International Codes, used by the City of Rochester Hills, include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters that can occur, such as snowstorms, hurricanes, tornadoes, wild land fires and earthquakes; and

**Whereas,** Building Safety Week is an excellent opportunity to educate the public. It is a perfect time to increase public awareness of the role building safety and fire prevention officials, local and state building departments and federal agencies play in protecting lives and property; and

**Whereas,** this year, as we observe Building Safety Week, we ask all Americans to consider projects to improve building safety at home and in the community, and to recognize the local building safety and fire prevention officials and the important role that they play in public safety.

**Therefore,** be it known, that May 3 through May 9, 2009, will be designated Building Safety Week in the City of Rochester Hills. Accordingly, our citizens are encouraged to join their fellow Americans in participating in Building Safety Week activities and assisting efforts to improve building safety.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused my Seal to be affixed this 24th day of April 2009 in the City of Rochester Hills, Oakland County, Michigan.

Bryan K. Barnett, Mayor  
Rochester Hills, Michigan