

**A Proclamation  
By  
Governor Ronnie Musgrove**

**WHEREAS**, the United States has the highest level of building safety in the world; and

**WHEREAS**, the International Code Council, in partnership with dedicated building safety and fire officials, architects, engineers, and the construction industry, develops and enforces the codes that safeguard us in our homes, at school, and the buildings we work in; and

**WHEREAS**, it often goes unnoticed that building safety affects so many aspects of our daily lives, thanks to building safety code enforcement, we enjoy the comfort of structures that are safe and sound; and

**WHEREAS**, building safety and fire officials work with citizens to address building safety concerns everyday, from preventing mold in homes to minimizing the impact of West Nile Virus in communities, they play a vital role in ensuring the safety of our critical infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, construction codes provide reasonable safeguards to protect us from dangerous situations such as snowstorms in the North, hurricanes in the Southeast, tornadoes in the Midwest, forest fires in the Southwest, and earthquakes on the West Coast; and

**WHEREAS**, Building Safety Week, sponsored by the International Code Council, is an opportunity to educate the public, it is a perfect time to increase public awareness of the life safety services provided by local and state building departments as well as federal agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, the theme of Building Safety Week is, "Safe Buildings Save Lives," and it encourages all of us to raise our level of awareness of building safety and to take appropriate steps to improve our built environment; and

**WHEREAS**, construction codes have improved the safety and security of our citizens and countless lives have been saved because of the construction codes adopted and enforced by local and state agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, this year, as we observe Building Safety Week, I ask everyone to consider projects to improve building safety at home and in the community:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ronnie Musgrove, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim April 6 through April 12, 2003, as

**BUILDING SAFETY WEEK**

in the State of Mississippi.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson, April 3, 2003,  
in the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of  
the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE  
GOVERNOR