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## <<Jurisdiction>> Celebrates *California Building Safety Week*

In an effort to increase public awareness and promote the understanding and importance of building safety, the <<Jurisdiction>> will join California Building Officials (CALBO) and other local California jurisdictions in the participation of *California Building Safety Week*, May 6-13, 2007.

"*California Building Safety Week* is an excellent opportunity to educate our community and increase public awareness of the role of Building Inspection staff in building safety," said Gene Paolini, CALBO President and Chief Building Official for the Roseville.

Building inspection and code enforcement offices take appropriate steps every day to ensure the safety of the places where people live, work, play, and learn by reviewing building plans, issuing building permits, and inspecting buildings during construction. This work protects the health and safety of the public by ensuring that applicable code requirements are met and maintained.

The **City Council/Board of Supervisors** of <<Jurisdiction>> has issued a **proclamation/resolution** declaring May 6-12, 2007 as *California Building Safety Week* in <<Jurisdiction>>. Earlier in the year, CALBO was successful in lobbying the state legislature to declare *California Building Safety Week 2007* statewide for the same week.

This year is particularly meaningful to California code enforcement officials, as the state moves forward with an aggressive adoption of a new series of building, fire, plumbing, mechanical and electrical codes. The state of California, and our own community, will now follow the life and safety provisions of a new and improved generation of construction codes, which will improve public safety and the welfare of all Californians.

For more information on joining <<Jurisdiction>> in celebrating *California Building Safety Week 2007*, please contact <<Contact Name>> at <<Contact Number>>.

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***California Building Safety Week***  
**May 6-12, 2007**

Whereas, the state and local governments of California rely heavily upon the built environment to house our communities and neighborhoods, while protecting the personal safeties of our citizenry; and

Whereas, the safety of the buildings we occupy daily is essential to the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of California and the jurisdictions we serve; and

Whereas, the safety of our buildings and those who occupy them is ensured each day by the tireless efforts of Building and Code Enforcement Officials; and

Whereas, among the world's most fundamental laws and ordinances are those which provide standards for the safe construction of buildings in which people live, work and play; and

Whereas, the recent actions of the California Building Standards Commission have ensured the timely adoption of the next generation of building, life and safety codes to California, protecting those who live, work and visit the golden state; and

Whereas, with the next generation of codes coming online in California, it will be necessary for the Building and Code Enforcement Community to be trained on the intricacies and new provisions of the codes by a reputable and established provider of California education and training; and

Whereas, in an ongoing effort to ensure that residents and individuals patronizing businesses and homes within California are afforded the highest construction standards available; and

Whereas, California Building Safety Week emphasizes the important role Local Building Departments play in the development and maintenance of safe buildings in our communities; and

Whereas, Local Building Departments help to ensure that the health, safety, and general well-being of the public is protected by reviewing building construction plans, issuing building permits, inspecting buildings during and after construction to guarantee that they comply with the necessary health and safety regulations, and enforcing the preventative work that contributes to the success of keeping the occupants of the structure safe during an emergency; and

Whereas, for construction and building codes to be effective and enforced, understanding and cooperation must exist between Building and Code Enforcement Officials and the people they serve; and

Whereas, through the efforts of Building and Code Enforcement Officials worldwide, and their cooperative relationship with the Construction and Development industry, Engineers, the Design Community, the Fire Service, and Model Code Developers, the administration of these health and life-safety standards is assured; and

Whereas, cities and counties across California are joining to promote building safety through the observation of California Building Safety Week; and

Now, therefore, we, the <<City Council/Board of Supervisors of City/County>>, do hereby proclaim the week of May 6-12, 2007, as CALIFORNIA BUILDING SAFETY WEEK in <<City/County>>. We urge all citizens to participate in California Building Safety Week activities to help promote building safety, to create awareness as to the importance of construction and building codes, and to spotlight the role of the dedicated Code Official in administering those codes.