State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

Electrical Safety Month

WHEREAS, hundreds of people die and thousands are injured each year in the United States as a result of electrically-related incidents; and

WHEREAS, there are, on average, 450 civilian deaths related to electrical home structure fires each year; and

WHEREAS, property damage resulting from home fires caused by electrical failure or malfunction amounts to more than $1.5 billion annually; and

WHEREAS, more than seven people are electrocuted each week in the United States; and

WHEREAS, following basic electrical safety precautions can help prevent thousands of people from being injured or killed each year; and

WHEREAS, citizens are encouraged to inspect their homes and workplaces for possible electrical hazards; and

WHEREAS, citizens are advised to protect their homes and families with the latest safety technology, such as ground fault circuit interrupters, arc fault circuit interrupters, and tamper resistant receptacles; and

WHEREAS, citizens are urged to install, test and properly maintain an adequate number of smoke alarms; and

WHEREAS, the Electrical Safety Foundation International is dedicated exclusively to promoting electrical safety in the home, school and workplace through education, awareness, and advocacy; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island, do hereby proclaim May, 2012 as Electrical Safety Month and encourage all state residents to recognize the importance of this month.

Given under my hand and the great seal of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, this 10th day of April, 2012

Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor

A. Ralph Mollis
Secretary of State