

## **Alabama Governor Bob Riley, Signs Proclamation for National Elevator Escalator Safety Awareness Week**

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Foundation staff receives Safety Week proclamation from Alabama's Governor Bob Riley.

**Montgomery, AL** – Governor Bob Riley of Alabama signed a proclamation declaring November 12 to 18, 2006 as National Elevator Escalator Safety Awareness Week. On November 15, Program Director Laurie Dueitt and Marketing Director Leslie Schraeder traveled to Montgomery, Alabama to witness the Governor signing the proclamation. Dueitt and

Schraeder discussed the importance of elevator and escalator safety with Governor Riley. Riley mentioned that his wife has often told him that elevators and escalators could be dangerous. He was glad an organization existed that addressed educating the public about the hazards and the best ways to be safe.

The Elevator Escalator Safety Foundation sent requests to each of the 50 Governors in the United States to sign a similar proclamation. Seventeen Governors agreed to participate. Participating states included: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, Washington and Wisconsin.

Safety Week has expanded to include Canada in its celebration. Canadian Regent, Vicky Barr-Humphries (British Columbia Safety Authority) requested the Mayor of the city of Vancouver, British Columbia sign a proclamation. The honorable Samuel C. Sullivan granted the request and for the first time Vancouver participated in Safety Week.

Safety Week is celebrated annually the second full week of November. It is a promotion of public safety awareness for the industry's equipment. Safety Week provides a focal point for the industry, on a local and national level, to join together as individuals, companies and organizations and spread the

word about public safety in the elevator industry. At the same time, Safety Week is an opportunity to celebrate the contributions made by the industry to the quality of life. Volunteers reach millions of riders with important safety messages in many locations during this celebration. A detailed report of the various 2006 celebration can be found in the March 2007 issue of Elevator World magazine.

In 2007 National Elevator Escalator Safety Awareness Week will be celebrated November 11 to 17. To help organizations and individuals plan their celebrations, the Foundation has developed a free planning guide. The planning guide is available by calling EESF at 800.949.6442 or downloading the guide at [www.eesf.org](http://www.eesf.org).

For more information about Safety Week or EESF contact the Foundation at 800.949.6442 or [info@eesf.org](mailto:info@eesf.org)

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