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### **It's National Home Remodeling Month! Home Builders Association of Michigan reminds homeowners to use licensed & insured contractors**

*Lansing, MI* – May is the National Home Remodeling Month and the Home Builders Association of Michigan is reminding homeowners to use licensed and insured contractors for their remodeling projects.

“An estimated \$5 billion was spent on home remodeling last year in our state and this year that number will likely be exceeded. We want to make sure that homeowners choose the right professional for the job,” said HBAM CEO Bob Filka. “HBA members are highly skilled and experienced professionals who are fully licensed and insured. Don’t take a chance. The best way to find a qualified contractor is to contact your local HBA.”

Remodeling offers many benefits to homeowners, such as adding more space for a growing family or older parent, improving energy efficiency and increasing the resale value of the home. This year the National Remodelers Council is headed by Michigan’s own Joanne Theunissen of the HBA of Central Michigan. Theunissen has over 15 years of experience as a custom green builder and remodeler and co-owner of Howling Hammer Builders, Inc. She has served as 2004 Chair of the NAHB Professional Women in Building Council, 2009 Chair of NAHB 50+ Housing Council, and has served as a member of NAHB University of Housing, NAHB Public Affairs Committee, NAHB Remodelers’ Council, NAHB Construction Codes and Standards Committee as well as the NAHB Green Building Subcommittee. Theunissen served as Chair of the NAHB National Green Building Conferences in 2008 and 2009.

“Joanne has always been a forward-thinking and innovative leader in the home building and remodeling industry,” said HBAM CEO Bob Filka. “We are thrilled that this year she was named as the chair of the National Remodelers Council.”

*The Home Builders Association of Michigan is a professional trade association comprised of 24 local homebuilder associations around the state and their builder, subcontractor and supplier members. HBA of Michigan works to positively promote the building industry and impact legislative, regulatory and legal issues affecting housing affordability.*

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