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**CAMPUS FIRE SAFETY MONTH
SEPTEMBER 2010**

During National Preparedness Month, we recognize campus fire safety throughout the month of September.

Since January 2000, several students have perished in student housing fires in Ohio.

Many of these fatal fires have occurred in buildings where the fire safety systems have been compromised or disabled by the occupants.

It is important that Ohio's student housing, both on and off campus, include smoke detectors or fire alarm systems to provide the necessary early warning to occupants.

Everyone should learn and know at least two ways out of every building, including dormitories, lecture halls and other campus facilities.

We must continue to teach our citizens, school administrators and students the importance of fire safety education as an effective method of reducing the resulting loss of life and property damage.

Students must routinely receive effective fire safety education so that we may develop generations of fire-safe adults and significantly reduce campus fires and other fire-related tragedies.

FOR ALL OF THESE REASONS, I, TED STRICKLAND, Governor of the State of Ohio, do Recognize **September as Campus Fire Safety Month** in conjunction with National Preparedness Month.

I urge all of Ohio's students to practice fire safety in your homes, dormitories and elsewhere so that you may achieve your educational goals and continue to enrich your lives and our great state.

On this first day of September 2010



Ted Strickland
Governor