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For many young people, going away to college marks the first time they have been away from home for an extended period of time. It is an opportunity not only to expand their educational horizons and look forward to future careers, but also to revel in the newfound freedom of adulthood.

However, it is important to remember that the freedom of living away from home comes with strings attached. When out from under their parents' roofs, students are responsible for themselves and others.

It only takes a moment of forgetfulness or carelessness to start a fire. Even in the best possible outcomes, fires on and near campuses still result in the loss of valuable property and historic buildings. In the worst outcomes, they result in injury and even death.

Fortunately, there are simple safety precautions students can take to minimize the threat of fire. The State Fire Marshal's Office recommends identifying and removing everyday fire hazards, maintaining smoke alarms, developing fire escape plans and being aware of alternate building exits.

September is a time when students across the nation will be settling into new residences on and off campus. Recognizing the importance of fire safety, I urge all Texans to learn more about the steps they can take to prevent fires. With preparation and planning, you can make a difference.

Therefore, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim September 2010,

## Campus Fire Safety Month



in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,  
I hereby affix my signature this the  
15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2010.

*Rick Perry*  
Governor of Texas