



## Proclamation

*WHEREAS, since January 2000, at least 172 people, including students, parents, and children have died in college-related fires; and*

*WHEREAS, approximately 87% of these deaths have occurred in off-campus occupancies and a majority of students live in off-campus housing; and*

*WHEREAS, a number of fatal fires have occurred in buildings where the fire safety systems have been compromised or disabled by the occupants; and*

*WHEREAS, it is recognized that automatic fire alarm systems and smoke alarms provide the necessary early warning to occupants and to the fire department so that appropriate action can be taken; and*

*WHEREAS, it is recognized that automatic fire sprinkler systems are a highly effective method of controlling or extinguishing a fire in its early stages, protecting the lives of the building's occupants; and*

*WHEREAS, many students are living in off-campus occupancies, Greek housing, and residence halls that are not adequately protected with automatic fire sprinkler systems and automatic fire alarm systems or adequate smoke alarms; and*

*WHEREAS, it is recognized that fire safety education is an effective method of reducing the occurrence of fires and reducing the resulting loss of life and property damage; and*

*WHEREAS, students are not always receiving effective fire safety education throughout their entire college career; and*

*WHEREAS, Coloradans are encouraged to learn about the importance of fire safety behavior so that these behaviors can help to ensure their safety during their college years and beyond;*

*Therefore, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim, September 2018, as*

### **CAMPUS FIRE SAFETY MONTH**

*in the State of Colorado.*

*GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this first day of September, 2018*



*John W. Hickenlooper*  
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Governor