



WHEREAS, recent student-related housing fires in Illinois; Indiana; Maryland; Pennsylvania; South Dakota; Washington, D.C.; and at other schools across the country have tragically cut short the lives of some of the youth of our nation; and,

WHEREAS, since January 2000, at least 172 people, including students, parents, and children, have died in college-related fires; approximately 87 percent of these deaths occurred in off-campus occupancies; 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 the fire department of a fire 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 live 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 property damage and loss of life; and,

WHEREAS, students do not routinely receive effective fire safety education throughout their entire college career; and,

WHEREAS, it is vital to educate future generations about the importance of fire safety behavior so that these behaviors can help ensure their safety during their college years and beyond;

THEREFORE, I, Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim September 2018 as **CAMPUS FIRE SAFETY MONTH** in Illinois and encourage schools and municipalities across Illinois to provide educational programs to all students, and to take the necessary steps to ensure fire-safe living environments through fire safety education, installation of fire suppression and detection systems and smoke alarms, and the development and enforcement of applicable codes relating to fire safety.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,
this TWENTY-NINTH day of MAY, in
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
EIGHTEEN, and of the State of Illinois,
two hundredth.



Dorise White
SECRETARY OF STATE

Bruce Rauner
GOVERNOR