



In the Name and by the Authority of

THE STATE OF OHIO



WHEREAS, since January 2000, at least 175 people, including students, parents, and children have died in college-related fires; and

WHEREAS, approximately 87 percent of these deaths have occurred in off-campus occupancies; and

WHEREAS, a majority of the students across the Nation live 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, 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, 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; Whereas students are not routinely receiving effective fire safety education throughout their entire college career; and

WHEREAS, by developing a generation of fire-safe adults, future loss of life from fires can be significantly reduced.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, Mike DeWine and Jon Husted, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize September 2019 as,

CAMPUS FIRE SAFETY MONTH

on this 14th day of August 2019.

Mike DeWine
Governor



Jon Husted
Lieutenant Governor