A Proclamation

Whereas, Student-related housing fires across the nation have tragically cut short the lives of some of the youth of our Nation; and

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 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, 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.

Now, Therefore, I, Charles D. Baker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim September, 2019, to be,

CAMPUS FIRE SAFETY MONTH

And urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this first day of September, in the year two thousand and nineteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-third.

By His Excellency

[Signatures]

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God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts