

# The State of Maryland



## Proclamation

*From the Governor of the State of Maryland*

### **CAMPUS FIRE SAFETY MONTH SEPTEMBER 2019**

- WHEREAS,** *Since January 2000, at least 175 people, including students, parents, and children, have died in campus-related fires; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Approximately 87 percent of these deaths have occurred in off-campus occupancies in which a majority of students across America live; 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,** *Fire safety education is known to be an effective method of reducing the occurrence of fire and decreasing the resulting loss of life and property damage; and*
- WHEREAS,** *It is vital to educate the future generations about the importance of fire safety behavior and encourage these behaviors to develop and ensure their safety during their college years and beyond; and*
- WHEREAS,** *By developing a generation of fire-safe adults, future loss of life from fires can be significantly reduced.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim SEPTEMBER 2019 as CAMPUS FIRE SAFETY MONTH in Maryland, and call upon the people of our state to join in supporting this observance.**



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,  
this 1st day of September  
Two Thousand and nineteen

*Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.*  
Governor

*Robert K. Lutherford*  
Lt. Governor

*John C. W. W. W.*  
Secretary of State