ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN,
I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim

September 2019

as

CAMPUS FIRE SAFETY MONTH

WHEREAS, student-related housing fires in Michigan have tragically cut short the lives of some of the youth of our state; 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 necessary early warning to occupants and 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 routinely receiving effective fire safety education throughout their entire college career; and,

WHEREAS, it is vital to educate the future generation of our state about the importance of fire safety behavior so that these behaviors can help to 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, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim September of 2019 as Campus Fire Safety Month in Michigan and encourage schools and municipalities across the state to provide educational programs to all students during this month and throughout the year.

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Gretchen Whitmer
Governor