

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

CAMPUS FIRE SAFETY MONTH

2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, student-related housing fires in North Carolina, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Washington D.C., and elsewhere have tragically cut short the lives of too many young people in 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 majority of students in the United States live off campus; many off-campus occupancies, Greek houses, and residence halls are not protected by automatic fire sprinkler systems, automatic fire alarm systems, or adequate smoke alarms; and

WHEREAS, automatic fire alarm systems and smoke alarms provide the necessary early warning that occupants and fire departments need to take appropriate action; 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, a number of fatal fires have occurred in buildings where the fire safety systems have been compromised or disabled by the occupants; and


WHEREAS, fire safety education is an effective method of preventing fires and reducing the loss of life and property damage caused by fires when they do occur; and

WHEREAS, most students do not receive routine effective fire safety education throughout their entire college careers; it is vital to educate our future generations about the importance of fire safety so that they can take measures to ensure their own safety during college years and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages all schools and municipalities to provide educational programs for students during September and throughout the school year; to evaluate the level of fire safety being provided in both on and off-campus student housing; and to take the necessary steps to ensure well-equipped, fire-safe living environments;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September, 2018, as "**CAMPUS FIRE SAFETY MONTH**" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.





Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-fourth day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.