



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Student-related housing fires across the country have tragically cut short the lives of too many young adults; and
- WHEREAS: Since January 2000, at least 172 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 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: It is recognized that automatic fire alarm systems and smoke alarms provide necessary early warnings to occupants and fire departments of fires so that appropriate actions 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 and Greek housing 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 students are not routinely receiving effective fire safety education throughout their entire college careers; and
- WHEREAS: It is vital to educate future generations of our nation about the importance of fire safety behavior, and by developing generations of fire-safe adults, future loss of life from fires can be significantly reduced.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of September, 2018, as:

CAMPUS FIRE SAFETY MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 31st day of August.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE