



In the Name of the People of the State of Ohio

# THE STATE OF OHIO



WHEREAS, since January 2001, 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 majority of the students across the Nation live in off-campus occupancies; and

WHEREAS, a number of fatal fires have occurred in buildings which do not have fire alarm systems or compromised fire alarm systems;

WHEREAS, although fire departments are called to respond to these fires, fire departments are not always able to respond in a timely manner and the fire department is not always able to respond in a timely manner;

WHEREAS, automatic fire sprinkler systems are a highly effective method of extinguishing a fire in many cases, protecting the lives of the building occupants; and

WHEREAS, many students living in off-campus occupancies, including residence halls, are not adequately protected from fire; the sprinkler systems and automatic fire alarm systems are not adequate smoke alarm systems;

WHEREAS, it is recognized that fire safety education is an important part of reducing the loss of life and property damage; Whereas students are not routinely receiving effective fire safety education throughout their entire college career; and

WHEREAS, by developing a generation of fire safe adults, fire departments can save lives and property;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike DeWine, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize September 2009 as

## CAMPUS FIRE SAFETY MONTH

*Mike DeWine*

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Governor



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