

Proclamation

by

Matthew G. Bevin
Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

- WHEREAS, Student-related housing fires across the country have tragically cut short the lives of some of the youth of our Nation; and
- WHEREAS, Since January 2000, at least 170 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 students across the Nation live in off-campus or Greek housing that are not adequately protected with automatic fire sprinkler systems or adequate smoke alarms or in buildings where the fire safety systems have been compromised or disabled by the occupants; and
- WHEREAS, It is recognized that automatic fire and smoke alarm systems provide the necessary early warnings to occupants, and the fire department and automatic fire sprinkler systems are highly effective in controlling or extinguishing a fire in its early stages, thereby protecting the lives of the building's occupants; and
- WHEREAS, It is vital to educate the future generation of our Nation about the importance of fire safety behavior in order to reduce the occurrence of fires and the resulting loss of life and property damage and to develop a generation of fire-safe adults, significantly reducing future loss of life from fires; and
- WHEREAS, It is encouraged that both school systems and local governments evaluate and improve their fire safety education programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MATTHEW G. BEVIN, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim September, 2016, as

CAMPUS FIRE SAFETY MONTH

in Kentucky.



DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort the 24th day of August, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Sixteen and in the 225th year of the Commonwealth.


MATTHEW G. BEVIN
GOVERNOR


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SECRETARY OF STATE