

STATE OF OREGON
PROCLAMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** Student housing fires in Oregon and across the United States have tragically cut short the lives of some of our Nation's youth; and
- WHEREAS:** Recent student related housing fires in South Carolina, North Carolina, Wisconsin, New York, and Pennsylvania and other schools across the country have tragically cut short the lives of some of the youth of our nation; and
- WHEREAS:** Since January 2000, at least 135 people have died in student housing fires; and
- WHEREAS:** Automatic fire alarm systems provide early warning to occupants and assist in quicker response from fire departments, and automatic fire sprinkler systems are highly effective in controlling or extinguishing a fire in its early stages, thereby protecting the lives of building occupants; and
- WHEREAS:** Many students living in campus-related occupancies, including fraternity and sorority housing as well as residence halls, are not adequately protected with automatic fire alarm systems and automatic fire sprinkler systems; and
- WHEREAS:** Fire safety education is effective in reducing fire damage and loss of life and property; and
- WHEREAS:** It is therefore vital to raise awareness of the need for improved campus fire safety and to educate the young people who are our Nation's future about the importance of fire safety behaviors to help ensure their safety during their college years and beyond; and
- WHEREAS:** Administrators and municipalities are encouraged to evaluate the level of fire safety, both on- and off-campus, and take necessary steps to ensure fire-safe living environments through fire safety education, installation of fire detection and suppression systems, and the development and enforcement of applicable codes relating to fire safety.

**NOW,
THEREFORE:** I, Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **September 2010** to be

CAMPUS FIRE SAFETY MONTH

in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, July 26, 2010.



Theodore R. Kulongoski
Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor

Kate Brown
Kate Brown, Secretary of State