



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, student-related housing fires, in Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Pennsylvania, South Dakota and Washington, D.C., and other schools across the country, have tragically cut short the lives of some of our nation's youth; and

WHEREAS, since January 2000, at least 172 people, including students, parents and children have died in college-related fires, with approximately 87% of those deaths occurring in off-campus occupancies; and

WHEREAS, a majority of the students across the nation live in off-campus occupancies. A number of fatal fires have occurred in buildings where 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 a fire, so that appropriate action 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, and of protecting the lives of the building's occupants; and

WHEREAS, many students are living in off-campus occupancies, Greek housing and residence halls 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

WHEREAS, students are not routinely receiving effective fire safety education throughout their college career; and

WHEREAS, it is vital to educate the future generations of our nation about the importance of fire safety, so that these behaviors can help ensure their safety during their college years and beyond; and

WHEREAS, by developing a generation of fire-safe adults, future loss of life from fires can be significantly reduced;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim September 2018, as

Campus Fire Safety Month

in the State of Alabama.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 19th day June 2018.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor