

In the Name of the People of  
**THE STATE OF**  
**OHIO**



**WHEREAS**, since January 2000, more than 350 people, including firefighters, and children have died in college-related fires; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 78 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 off-campus occupancies that have compromised the lives of students and staff; and

**WHEREAS**, many off-campus occupancies do not meet the minimum fire safety standards required by the fire department and the fire department is not able to respond to the area;

**WHEREAS**, automatic fire sprinkler systems are a highly effective method of extinguishing a fire in its early stages, protecting the lives of the occupants and the building; and

**WHEREAS**, many students living in off-campus occupancies do not have adequate smoke alarms, fire extinguishers, fire escape systems and automatic fire sprinkler systems; and

**WHEREAS**, it is recognized that the State of Ohio has a responsibility to protect the lives of students and reduce the resulting 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 citizens, the State of Ohio can reduce the number of deaths and injuries caused by fires;

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

**CAMPUS FIRE SAFETY MONTH**

Created

*Mike DeWine*

Mike DeWine  
Governor



*Jon Husted*

Jon Husted  
Lieutenant Governor