



Campus Fire Safety Month Proclamation 2026 Proclamation

The Proclamation (The "Now, Therefore" Resolution)

NOW, THEREFORE, I, [Name of Official], [Title, e.g., Mayor / University President/Fire Official] of [Name of City or Institution], do hereby proclaim **September 2026** as **Campus Fire Safety Month** in our community. To express the support of the establishment of September as Campus Fire Safety Month, and for other purposes.

- **WHEREAS**, safety and protection of students, faculty, staff, and visitors within our campus housing and academic facilities are of paramount concern; and
- **WHEREAS**, college and university campuses face unique fire safety challenges, including high-density living, cooking in confined spaces, and the extensive use of personal electronic devices and micro-mobility equipment; and
- **WHEREAS**, unattended cooking remains a leading cause of fires in student housing, and the improper charging of lithium-ion batteries presents emerging thermal and fire risks; and
- **WHEREAS**, working smoke alarms and practiced emergency evacuation plans save lives, and disabling safety devices or ignoring building alarms puts entire communities at severe risk; and
- **WHEREAS**, organizations like The Center for Campus Fire Safety actively champion educational outreach to prevent tragedies on college campuses nationwide;
- **WHEREAS**, student-related housing fires at college and university campuses around the country have tragically cut short the lives of some of the youth of our nation; and
- **WHEREAS**, most of the students across the Nation live in off-campus occupancies;
- **WHEREAS**, it is recognized that automatic fire alarm systems provide the necessary early warning to occupants and the fire department of a fire so that appropriate action can be taken;
- **WHEREAS**, it is recognized that automatic fire sprinkler systems are a highly effective method of controlling or extinguishing a fire in its early stages, protecting the lives of the building's occupants;
- **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;
- **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;



- **WHEREAS**, students are not routinely receiving effective fire safety education throughout their entire college career;
- **WHEREAS**, it is vital to educate the future generation of our Nation about the importance of fire safety behavior so that these behaviors can help to 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:
- **RESOLUTION: Now, therefore, be it further resolved that:**
 - We will urge all students, parents, and campus housing staff to test smoke alarms, keep cooking areas clear and attended, charge electronic devices safely on hard surfaces, and review primary and secondary evacuation routes to ensure a fire-safe academic year.
 - We request that the Governor:
 - a) supports the establishment of September as Campus Fire Safety Month;
 - b) encourages administrators and municipalities across the country to provide educational programs to all students during September and throughout the school year;
 - c) encourages administrators and municipalities to evaluate the level of fire safety being provided in both on- and off-campus student housing and take the necessary steps to ensure fire-safe living environments through fire safety education, installation of fire suppression and detection systems and the development and enforcement of applicable codes relating to fire safety.

Respectfully,

Your Contact Details.

Helpful Links:

- [The History of Campus Fire Safety and Tools for Educators](#)
- [Campus Fire Safety For Students - Tips, Videos and Programs available to Share with Students.](#)