

Executive Department

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, since January 2000, at least 143 people, including students, parents and children in several states and schools across the country have died in campus-related fires; and

WHEREAS, over 85 percent of these deaths have occurred in off-campus occupancies in which the majority of students across the nation reside; and

WHEREAS, a number of fatal fires have occurred in buildings where fire safety systems have been compromised or disabled. Meanwhile, many students live in off-campus occupancies, Greek housing and residence halls that are not adequately protected with automatic fire sprinkler systems and automatic fire alarms systems; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that fire safety education is effective in reducing the occurrence of fires and the resulting loss of life and property damage, students are still not receiving effective fire safety education throughout their college career; and

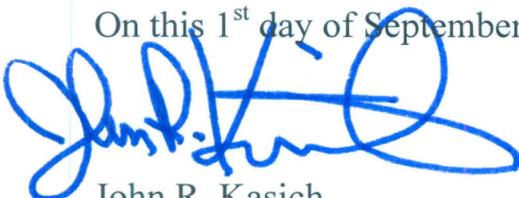
WHEREAS, it is vital to educate the future generation of our nation about the importance of fire safety behavior in order to develop a generation of fire-safe adults so that future loss of life from fires can be significantly reduced.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John R. Kasich, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby designate September

CAMPUS FIRE SAFETY MONTH

throughout Ohio and encourages schools and municipalities across the country to not only provide educational programs to all students during September and throughout the school year, but also to evaluate the level of fire safety being provided in both on- and off-campus student housing.

On this 1st day of September, 2011;



John R. Kasich
Governor

