

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

CAMPUS FIRE SAFETY MONTH SEPTEMBER 2019

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, since January 2000, at least 175 people, including students, parents and children have died in college-related fires; and approximately 87 percent of these deaths have occurred in off-campus occupancies; and

WHEREAS, a number of fatal fires have occurred in buildings where the 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 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; and

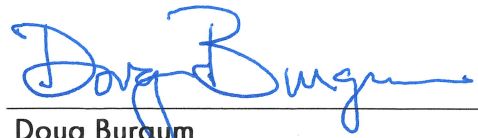
WHEREAS, it is recognized that fire safety education is an effective method of reducing the occurrence of fires and reducing the resulting loss of life and property damage, yet many students are not routinely receiving effective fire safety education throughout their college career; and

WHEREAS, it is vital to educate the future generation of our nation about the importance of fire safety behavior 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim September 2019, **CAMPUS FIRE SAFETY MONTH** in the State of North Dakota.




Doug Burgum
GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 
Alvin A. Jaeger
SECRETARY OF STATE