

WHEREAS; housing fires in and around college campuses across the state and country have tragically cut short the lives of many young adults living in student housing, both on and off campus; and

WHEREAS; many college students live in buildings off campus that are not adequately protected with automatic fire sprinklers and fire alarm systems, but fatal fires have also occurred in buildings where fire safety systems have been compromised or disabled; and

WHEREAS; automatic fire sprinkler systems and fire safety education are recognized as highly effective methods of preventing, controlling, and extinguishing a fire in its early stages and reducing loss of life and property damage; and

WHEREAS; using safe fire practices, including regularly checking smoke alarms, knowing evacuation plans, attending to open flames, minimizing fire risks, and using responsible methods when cooking, in addition to abiding by fire safety regulations, can help mitigate fire danger; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins educational institutions across the state in reaffirming its commitment to providing all students with adequate fire safety education to ensure that campus housing fires and fire-related deaths are prevented;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim September 2026 as

CAMPUS FIRE SAFETY MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state’s residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 26th day of August 2026.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State