STATE of WISCONSIN



WHEREAS; student housing fires in our state and our country have tragically cut short the lives of some young adults; and

WHEREAS; since January 2000, at least 132 people have died in campus-related fires across the country, and 86 percent of these deaths have occurred in off-campus housing; and

WHEREAS; many students live off-campus in buildings that are not adequately protected with automatic fire sprinkler and fire alarm systems; and

WHEREAS; some fatal fires have occurred in buildings where the fire safety systems have been compromised or disabled by the occupants; and

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

WHEREAS; students do not routinely receive effective fire safety education throughout their entire college career; and

WHEREAS; educating future generations about fire safety can help to ensure future campus fire-related deaths are significantly reduced;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim September 2019 as

CAMPUS FIRE SAFETY MONTH

throughout the State of War and I commend this observance to all our citizens.



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 15th day of August 2019.

TONY EVERS GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE

Secretary of State