

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

WHEREAS; at least 132 people have died in the 92 documented fatal campus-related fires across the United States since the year 2000, with 79 of these deaths having occurred in off-campus housing and 38 of the fatal fires having been accidental in nature; and

WHEREAS; many college students live in buildings off-campus that are not adequately protected with automatic fire sprinkler and fire alarm systems, but fatal fires have also 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 preventing, controlling, or extinguishing a fire in its early stages, and of reducing loss of life and property damage; and

WHEREAS; as communities across our state continue to work to stop the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic, many students may find themselves spending more time at home this academic year, which means that reviewing and adhering to household fire safety practices has never been more important; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins educational institutions throughout our state in reaffirming our commitment to providing 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 2021 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 27<sup>th</sup> day of August 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State