

# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*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 134 people have died in the 94 documented fatal campus-related fires across the United States since the year 2000, with 114 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 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, or extinguishing a fire in its early stages, and of reducing loss of life and property damage; and

*WHEREAS*; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins educational institutions throughout our state in reaffirming our 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 2022 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 2022.

Handwritten signature of Tony Evers in black ink.

TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Handwritten signature of Douglas La Follette in blue ink.  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State