

STATE OF INDIANA  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
INDIANAPOLIS

Executive Order

# PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

- WHEREAS, fires in Indiana and other states have taken the lives of college students; and
- WHEREAS, September and October are the peak months for fires in dormitory properties and are most common during the evening hours; and
- WHEREAS, from January 2000 to April 2022, 94 fatal fires have been documented that occurred on a college campus, in Greek housing, or in off-campus housing within three miles of the campus and claimed 134 lives; and
- WHEREAS, fatal fires have occurred in buildings where the fire safety systems have been compromised or disabled by the occupants; and
- WHEREAS, many students are living in off-campus occupancies and Greek housing and may not be adequately protected with automatic fire sprinkler systems and automatic fire alarm systems or adequate smoke alarms; 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; and
- WHEREAS, by developing a generation of fire-safe adults, future loss of life from fires can be significantly reduced;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Eric J. Holcomb, Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2024 as

## CAMPUS FIRE SAFETY MONTH

in the State of Indiana, and invite all citizens to duly note this occasion.

*In Testimony Whereof, I hereto  
set my hand and cause to be affixed the  
Great Seal of State. Done at the  
City of Indianapolis, this 13th  
day of August the year of our  
Lord 2024 and of the Independence  
of the United States 249.*



BY THE GOVERNOR:

*Eric Holcomb*