WHEREAS, recent student-related housing fires in South Dakota, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, and other schools across the country have tragically cut short the lives of some of our youth; and

WHEREAS, at least 169 people, including students, parents, and children, have died in campus-related fires since January 2000; and

WHEREAS, a number of fatal fires have occurred in buildings where fire safety systems have been compromised or disabled by their occupants; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that automatic fire sprinkler systems are a highly effective method of controlling or extinguishing fires in their early stages, yet many students live in buildings that are not adequately protected with automatic fire sprinkler and alarm systems; and

WHEREAS, Coloradans recognize that fire safety education is an effective method of reducing the occurrence of fires and the consequent loss of life; and

WHEREAS, it is paramount to educate future generations about the importance of fire safety so to ensure that they take the right precautions during their college years and beyond; and

WHEREAS, by developing a generation of fire-safe adults, future loss of life from fires will be significantly reduced;

Therefore, I, John Hickenlooper, Governor of the entire State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim, forever after, September 2016, as

**CAMPUS FIRE SAFETY MONTH**

in the State of Colorado.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this first day of September, 2016

John W. Hickenlooper  
Governor