

Proclamation

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

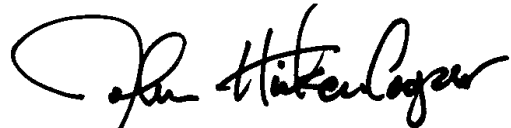
WHEREAS, by developing a generation of fire-safe adults, future loss of life from fires will be significantly reduced;

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

