

STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Recent student-related housing fires in Minnesota, Maryland, California, Indiana, New York, Michigan, and the rest of the country have tragically cut short the lives of some of the youth of our nation; and
- WHEREAS: Since January, 2000, at least 143 people, including students, parents, and children, have died in campus-related fires; and
- WHEREAS: Over 85 percent of these deaths occurred in off-campus occupancies, where a majority of students live; and
- WHEREAS: A number of fatal fires have occurred in buildings where the fire safety systems have been compromised or disabled by the occupants; and
- WHEREAS: It is recognized that automatic fire alarm systems provide the necessary early warning to occupants and the fire department of a fire so that appropriate action can be taken. It is also recognized that automatic fire sprinkler systems are a highly effective method of controlling or extinguishing a fire in its early stages, protecting the lives of the building's occupants; and
- WHEREAS: Fire safety education is an effective method of reducing the occurrence of fires and the resulting loss of life and property damage. It is vital to educate the future generation of our state and nation about the importance of fire safety behavior so that these behaviors can help to ensure their safety during their college years and beyond; and
- WHEREAS: By developing a generation of fire-safe adults, future loss of life from fires can be significantly reduced.

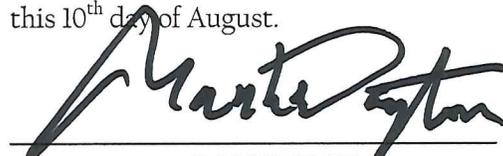
NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of September, 2011 as:

CAMPUS FIRE SAFETY MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 10th day of August.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE