

WHEREAS, students across our state and nation are going off to college and moving into dormitories and residence halls, fraternity and sorority houses, and off-campus housing; and

WHEREAS, while recognized as an effective method of reducing the occurrence of fires and the resulting loss of life and property damage, effective fire safety education is not routinely provided to many students throughout their college career; and

WHEREAS, educating our students about the critical importance of fire safety behavior can help ensure their security during their college years and beyond; and

WHEREAS, by cultivating a generation of fire-safe adults, future loss of life from fires can be significantly reduced.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 2009 as

CAMPUS FIRE SAFETY MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to ensure that our students have the benefit of living in fire-safe environments.