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At least 170 people have died in college campus-related fires since 2000. The large majority of these deaths occurred in off-campus housing, which is where most students reside. Many of those who perished were living in housing where smoke detectors and fire safety systems had been compromised or disabled by residents. This is simply unacceptable.

When fires occur, automatic fire alarm systems and smoke alarms provide necessary and vital early warning to occupants and fire departments so that appropriate action can be taken. Thus, fire safety knowledge is crucial to the well-being of our next generation of leaders during their college years and beyond.

Each year, Campus Fire Safety Month is proclaimed to encourage individuals, schools and municipalities to evaluate the level of fire safety being provided in both on- and off-campus student housing and to take the proper steps to ensure safe living environments. Providing students with a well-rounded fire safety education is an effective way to reduce the occurrence of fires and the resulting loss of life and property damage.

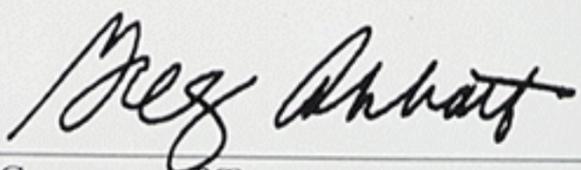
At this time, I encourage all Texas students to become aware of the importance of fire safety behavior so that future loss of life from fires can be significantly reduced.

Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim September 2016 to be

Campus Fire Safety Month

in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this the 29th day of July, 2016.


Governor of Texas

