To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

WHEREAS, Student housing fires in schools across the country – including Kentucky’s – have tragically cut short young lives; and

WHEREAS, Since January 2000, at least 135 students, parents and children have died in such fires; and

WHEREAS, Automatic fire alarms can give necessary early warning to occupants and the fire department so that appropriate action can be taken; and

WHEREAS, Automatic sprinkler systems are highly effective in controlling or extinguishing a fire in its early stages, adding further protection; and

WHEREAS, Fire safety education is effective in reducing the occurrence of fires, loss of life and property damage, but students are not routinely receiving this knowledge during their college years; and

WHEREAS, By educating future generations about the importance of fire safety behavior during college and beyond, future loss of life may be significantly reduced;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVEN L. BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim September 2010 as

CAMPUS FIRE SAFETY MONTH

in Kentucky and encourages schools and municipalities to provide educational programs to students during September and throughout the school year.

DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort this 5th day of August, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Ten and in the 219th year of the Commonwealth.

STEVEN L. BESHEAR
GOVERNOR

Trey Grayson
Secretary of State