BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

CAMPUS FIRE SAFETY MONTH

WHEREAS: Since January 2000, at least 171 individuals in the United States have died in campus-related fires. Approximately 87 percent of those deaths occurred in off-campus residences; and

WHEREAS: Many college students live in off-campus residences, fraternity and sorority housing, and residence halls that may not be fully protected by automatic fire sprinkler and fire alarm systems. A significant number of fatal fires have occurred in buildings where the fire safety systems have been compromised or disabled by the occupants. These systems are necessary for the safety of the occupants and are an effective means to quell fires; 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 important to educate young people in the United States about the importance of fire safety to help ensure fire-safe behavior by young people during their college years and beyond; and

WHEREAS: By developing a generation of fire-safe adults, future loss of life from fires may be significantly reduced; and

WHEREAS: During Campus Fire Safety Month, schools and municipalities across the state are encouraged to evaluate fire safety in student housing and take the necessary steps to ensure fire-safe living conditions for residents; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 2017, as CAMPUS FIRE SAFETY MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 18th day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.

Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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