



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

# CAMPUS FIRE SAFETY MONTH

WHEREAS: Since January 2000, at least 143 individuals, including students, parents, and children have died in campus-related fires. Eighty-five 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 are not adequately protected with automatic fire sprinkler systems and automatic fire alarm systems. These systems are necessary for the safety of the occupants and are effective means to quell fires; and

WHEREAS: Fire safety education is an effective method of reducing the occurrence of fires and reducing the resulting loss of life and property damage. It is vital 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; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 2011, 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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand eleven.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*C. W. R.*

CHIEF OF STAFF