EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PROCLAMATION

135 campus-related fire fatalities have occurred in our country since 2000, and as a new academic year begins, it is vital that we renew our commitment to implementing fire safety precautions and safeguarding our college campuses.

One of the most basic things we can do to help reduce the risk of fire-related fatalities and injuries is to make sure that smoke detectors are working properly. Having a plan of action in case a fire does occur is also crucial. When an emergency strikes, we should know what to do and where to go. In addition, we can take steps to prevent a fire from happening in the first place by being cautious around flames and flammable materials.

It is the responsibility of every Californian to help prevent fires. This month, I call on students, parents, college administrators and local fire departments to work together to make fire safety an important part of campus life.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER, Governor of the State of California, do hereby proclaim September 2010, as "Campus Fire Safety Month."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 26th day of August 2009.

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER
Governor of California

ATTEST:

DEBRA BOWEN
Secretary of State