

# STATE OF NEBRASKA



## Proclamation

WHEREAS,

*At least 143 people have died in campus-related fires since January 2000, cutting short the lives of some of the youth of our nation; and*

WHEREAS,

*Over 85 percent of these deaths have occurred in off-campus occupancies; and*

WHEREAS,

*A majority of the students across the nation live in off-campus occupancies; and*

WHEREAS,

*A number of fatal fires have occurred in buildings where the fire safety systems have been compromised or disabled by the occupants; and*

WHEREAS,

*It is recognized that automatic fire alarm systems provide the necessary early warning to occupants and the fire department of a fire so that appropriate action can be taken; and*

WHEREAS,

*It is recognized that automatic fire sprinkler systems are a highly effective method of controlling or extinguishing a fire in its early stages, protecting the lives of the building's occupants; and*

WHEREAS,

*Many students are living in off-campus occupancies, Greek housing and residence halls that are not adequately protected with automatic fire sprinkler systems and automatic fire alarm systems; and*

WHEREAS,

*It is recognized that fire safety education is an effective method of reducing the occurrence of fires and reducing the resulting loss of life and property damage; and*

WHEREAS,

*Students are not routinely receiving effective fire safety education throughout their entire college career; and*

WHEREAS,

*It is vital to educate the future generation of our nation about the importance of fire safety behavior so that these behaviors can help to ensure their safety during their college years and beyond; and*

WHEREAS,

*By developing a generation of fire-safety adults, future loss of life from fires can be significantly reduced.*

NOW, THEREFORE,

*I, Dave Heineman, Governor of the State of Nebraska, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the month of September 2011, as*

### CAMPUS FIRE SAFETY MONTH

*in Nebraska, and I do hereby encourage colleges and municipalities to provide educational programs to all college students during September and throughout the year and to evaluate the level of fire safety being provided in both on- and off-campus student housing and take necessary steps to ensure fire suppression and detection systems and the development and enforcement of applicable codes relating to fire safety.*

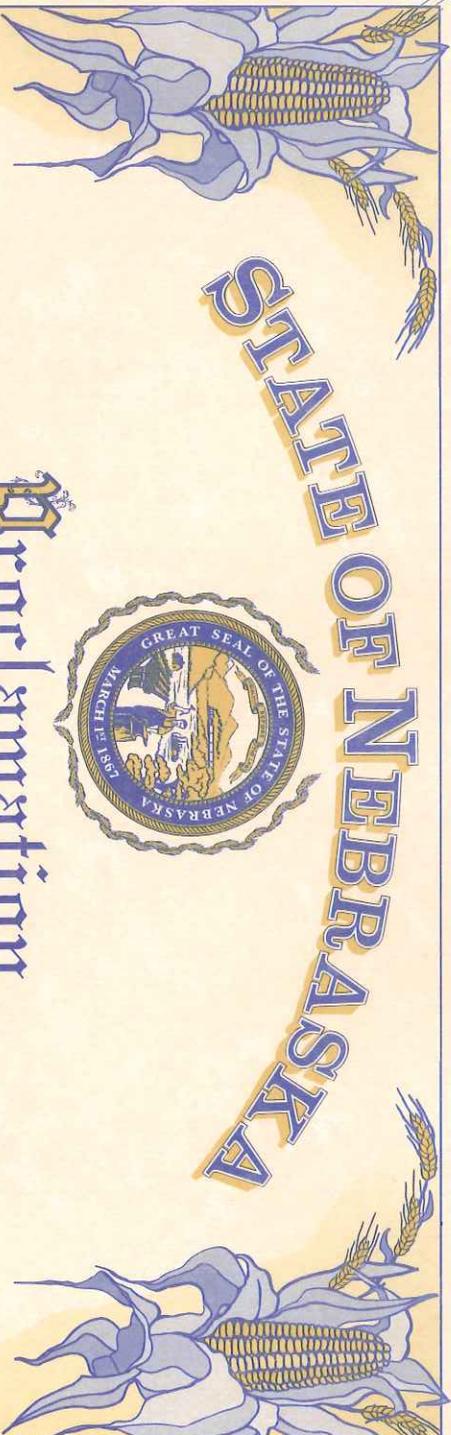
*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and cause the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed this Thirteenth day of September, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Eleven.*



Attest:

*Jan D. Gale*  
Secretary of State

*Dave Heineman*  
Governor



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## Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** *The State of Nebraska is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our state; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Nebraska fire departments responded to 65,789 incidents in 2010 according to statistics from the National Fire Reporting System; and*

**WHEREAS,** *The public supports their local firefighters and emergency medical services (EMS) personnel; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Nebraska's firefighters are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of fires and fire related injuries and deaths through prevention and protection education; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Nebraska firefighters are regularly placed in harms way to protect the citizens of our state; and*

**WHEREAS,** *218 Nebraska firefighters were injured during responses in 2010; and*

**WHEREAS,** *In 2010, Nebraska firefighters recognized 99 of their own who had previously given their lives in the line of duty to protect the lives and property of the citizens of our state; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Nebraska firefighters want to recognize the selfless giving of all the men and women of fire service in our state and around the world who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the protection of their communities.*

**NOW, THEREFORE,** *I, Dave Heineman, Governor of the State of Nebraska, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the 10th day of September, 2011, as*

### **FALLEN FIREFIGHTER RECOGNITION DAY**

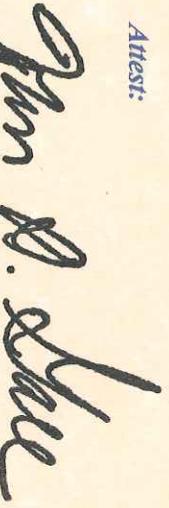
*in Nebraska, and I do hereby encourage citizens to recognize the sacrifices that are made daily by the fire service in our state, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of our Nebraska fire and emergency services.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and cause the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed this Thirteenth day of September, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Eleven.*



Attest:

Secretary of State

  
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# STATE OF NEBRASKA



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*WHEREAS,* The State of Nebraska remains committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our state; and

*WHEREAS,* Fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk of fire; and

*WHEREAS,* Home fires killed more than 2,500 people in the United States in 2009, according to the latest research from the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), and fire departments in the United States responded to more than 360,000 home fires; and

*WHEREAS,* Cooking, heating appliances, electrical equipment, smoking materials and candles are among the leading cause of home structure fires; and

*WHEREAS,* Working smoke alarms and automatic fire sprinkler systems reduce the risk of injury and death in a home fire; and

*WHEREAS,* Nebraska's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

*WHEREAS,* Nebraska's residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their own homes; and

*WHEREAS,* Residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will therefore be more likely to survive a fire; and

*WHEREAS,* The 2011 Fire Prevention Week Theme, "It's Fire Prevention Week. Protect your Family from Fire!", effectively serves to remind us all of the simple actions we can take to keep our homes and families safe from fire during Fire Prevention Week and year-round

*NOW, THEREFORE,* I, Dave Heineman, Governor of the State of Nebraska, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the week of October 9 – 15, 2011, as

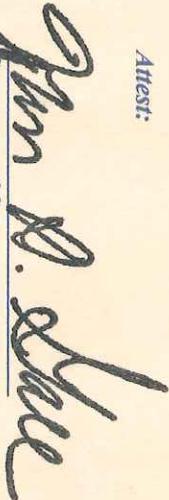
### FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

in Nebraska, and I do hereby urge all citizens to protect their homes and families by following the important safety messages of Fire Prevention Week 2011, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Nebraska fire and emergency services.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and cause the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed this Thirteenth day of September, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Eleven.



Attest:

  
Pam D. Shue  
Secretary of State

  
Dave Heineman  
Governor