



## The Hawai'i State Fire Council

WHEREAS, the State Fire Council (SFC) is comprised of the four county Fire Chiefs and its primary mission is to develop a comprehensive fire service emergency management network for the protection of life, property, and the environment throughout the State of Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, Campus Firewatch reports that at least 170 people have died in college-related fires nationwide since January 2000 with 87 percent of them occurring in off-campus housing; 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 and smoke alarms provide an early warning to occupants and the fire department of a fire so that appropriate action can be taken; and

WHEREAS, the SFC recognizes Campus Fire Safety Month and encourages schools to evaluate the level of fire safety being provided in on-campus and off-campus student housing and take necessary steps to ensure safe living conditions through education, installation and maintenance of fire suppression and detection systems, and development and enforcement of applicable codes relating to fire safety.

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim September 2016 as

## "CAMPUS FIRE SAFETY MONTH"

in Hawai'i, and urge the people of the Aloha State to join us in supporting the SFC and its goals of educating individuals on fire prevention and encouraging schools, colleges, and universities across the state to evaluate their level of fire safety.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, in Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this first day of September 2016.

Governor, State of Hawai'i

**SHAN S. TSUTSUI** 

Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i