



## **EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY**

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### **Presidential Proclamation**

**Whereas**, fire education and prevention is vital to ensuring the safety of Eastern Kentucky University faculty, staff and students; and,  
**Whereas**, university students living on their own for the first time are particularly susceptible to the danger posed by fires; and,  
**Whereas**, since January 2000, at least 158 people, including students, parents, and children have died in campus-related fires nationwide; 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 injuries and fatal fires have occurred in occupancies where the fire safety systems have been compromised or disabled by the residents; 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**, it is vital to educate the future generation of our Commonwealth and 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-safe adults, future loss of life from fires can be significantly reduced: Now, therefore, be it  
**Proclaimed**, that the month of September, 2013, is designated as  
**CAMPUS FIRE SAFETY MONTH**  
on all campuses of Eastern Kentucky University.

Signed this 1<sup>st</sup> Day of September,  
Two-Thousand Thirteen.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Michael T. Benson".

Michael T. Benson, President