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National Burn Awareness Week

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BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF _____

A PROCLAMATION

Whereas, burn injuries continue to be one of the leading causes of accidental death and injury in our Nation where tragically, children, the elderly, and the disabled are especially vulnerable to burn injuries, and almost one- third of all burn injuries occur in children under the age of 15; and

Whereas, annually, in the United States, approximately 486,000 people receive medical care for treatment of burn injuries. In 2016 alone, there were 3,280 deaths from fire and smoke inhalation and another 40,000 people were treated in hospitals for burn related injuries; and

Whereas, children under five are 2.4 times as likely as the general population to suffer burn injuries that require emergency medical treatment and young adults ages 20-29 have a probability of burn injury that is roughly 1.5 times the risk of the general population; and

Whereas, the primary causes of injury include fire-flame, scalds, electrical and chemicals. Most of the injuries occur in the home. Today, 96.8% of those who suffer burn injuries will survive. Unfortunately, many of those survivors will sustain serious scarring, life-long physical disabilities, and adjustment difficulties; and

Whereas, *National Burn Awareness Week*, an initiative of the American Burn Association, is a coming together of burn, fire and life safety educators to make the public aware of the frequency, devastation and causes of burn injury as well as consistent and authoritative measures to prevent these injuries and how to best care for those that are injured; and

Whereas, significant research and medical advances have dramatically improved burn care and treatment, aided rehabilitation, shortened hospital stays, and increased burn survival rates. Aftercare support for the physical and emotional effects of burns has also played a key role in the successful reintegration of burn survivors into our communities. Furthermore, burn safety education and prevention efforts continue to reduce the number of people who suffer burns each year; and

Whereas, many people devote their lives and careers to treating, caring for, supporting and rehabilitating burn injury survivors, including those performing vital work in burn research and development. There are dedicated fire fighters who risk their own lives every day to protect others, as well as burn foundations and other life safety professionals who promote burn injury awareness and prevention.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, _____, do hereby proclaim the week of February 3 through February 9, 2019, as Burn Awareness Week. I call upon all government agencies, fire, life safety and health care organizations, communications media, and the people of _____ to observe this week with the appropriate ceremonies and activities.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this _____ day of _____ in the year 201__.
