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GREETINGS:

It gives me great pleasure to join with the United States Burn Support Organization in welcoming everyone gathered for the 2008 Burn Camp.

Each year, more than two million people are burned in the United States, including 75,000 who are hospitalized for burn treatment. Burn injuries are second to motor vehicle accidents as the leading cause of accidental death in the United States, and children account for more than 35 percent of all fire and burn injuries and deaths.

The United States Burn Support Organization has continually helped those who have suffered minor to severe burns and their families rebuild their lives, which have been forever changed as a result of the burn injuries. This organization gives survivors the utmost respect, compassion, and unconditional support while creating a safe haven where survivors and their families can begin the process of healing among a group of peers and other survivors experiencing related strengths and triumphs. They encourage and strengthen survivors to find acceptance and beauty within themselves, so they can lead a healthy and productive life. In return they can teach others how to live in acceptance of others with disabilities.

The 2008 Burn Camp provides a chance for children to meet other children who have also experienced a burn injury. With communal activities ranging from swimming, games, arts and crafts, 'Beauty Parlor', and character building activities, the camp has proved to be a valuable resource for America's burn victims.

As Governor and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, I welcome everyone to the 2008 Burn Camp and encourage you to enjoy all that the Camp has to offer. Best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable 2008 Burn Camp!



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