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## Declaration

Therens, each year in the United States, lightning causes an average of 62 deaths, making it more deadly than tornadoes;

Utah, lightning has claimed the lives of 61 people since 1950, more than any other thunderstorm-related hazard;

Merros, past experiences have shown that a well-informed and prepared public can help reduce the loss of life and damage to property when threatened by lightning; and,

Therens, government agencies and volunteer organizations are committed to helping educate Utahns regarding lightning safety measures;

Now, Therefore, I, Jon M. Huntsman, Jr., Governor of the State of Utah, do hereby declare June 22 - 28, 2008, as

Lightning Safety Abareness Week

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