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Covernor

Declaration

Thereas, each year in the United States, lightning causes an average of 66 deaths, making it more deadly than tornadoes;

Mirrens, in Utah, lightning has claimed the lives of 60 people since 1950, more than any other thunderstorm-related hazard;

Thereas, 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,

Thereas, the National Weather Service, the Utah Department of Public Safety and Division of Homeland Security, and local government agencies recognize the importance of educating Utah citizens regarding lightning safety measures;

Now, Cherefore, I, Jon M. Huntsman, Jr., Governor of the State of Utah, do hereby declare June 24-30, 2007, as

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