

THANK YOU FOR THE WARM WELCOME ... AND GOOD EVENING, EVERYONE.

IT IS MY PLEASURE TO JOIN WITH YOU ALL, IN CELEBRATING THE GRAND
OPENING OF DAIRYLAND GREYHOUND PARK.

THIS IS A LONG-AWAITED OCCASION ... AND I CONGRATULATE EACH AND
EVERY PERSON WHO PLAYED A ROLE IN ASSURING THAT WISCONSIN'S
LARGEST GREYHOUND TRACK IS A REFLECTION OF OUR STATE'S STRONG
COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE IN ALL WE DO.

WITH TONIGHT'S OPENING CEREMONY, THE KENOSHA AREA IS WRITING YET
ANOTHER IMPORTANT CHAPTER IN ITS ASTOUNDING ECONOMIC RESURGENCE
OF THE PAST THREE YEARS.

JOBS CREATED BY THIS PARK, AND THE SPIN-OFF ECONOMIC BENEFITS,
WILL ADD GREATLY TO SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN'S OUTSTANDING QUALITY
OF LIFE.

WITH THIS TREMENDOUS OPPORTUNITY, HOWEVER, THERE COMES A CALL FOR
RESPONSIBLE ACTION.

WISCONSIN MUST EFFECTIVELY -- AND SUCCESSFULLY -- ADDRESS THE SOCIAL AND HUMANE CONCERNS THAT IS AN INEVITABLE COMPONENT OF A SPORT SUCH AS THIS.

IN PREPARING FOR TONIGHT'S GRAND OPENING, WE HAVE SEEN THE HIGH DEGREE OF RESOLVE WITH WHICH THE STATE RACING BOARD HAS DEDICATED ITSELF TO MEETING THESE GOALS.

I COMPLIMENT THE RACING BOARD AND CHAIRMAN BRANKO TERZIC ... AS WELL AS THE BOARD'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TERRY DUNLEAVY AND HIS STAFF, FOR THEIR EFFORTS.

LIKEWISE, I CONGRATULATE TRACK GENERAL MANAGER DON HESS AND HIS STAFF FOR THEIR DEDICATION TO GETTING THE JOB DONE.

IN RECENT YEARS, THE PARI-MUTUAL RACING INDUSTRY HAS MADE TREMENDOUS ADVANCES IN THE REGULATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF GAMBLING ACTIVITIES. IN FACT, IT IS PROBABLY ONE OF THE MOST CLOSELY-REGULATED INDUSTRIES IN THE COUNTRY.

COUPLED WITH THE ABILITY AND EXPERTISE OF THE STATE RACING BOARD

AND ITS STAFF, WISCONSIN WILL BE A LEADER IN ENSURING THE
INTEGRITY OF THIS NEW SPORT.

ALREADY, WISCONSIN IS A LEADER IN SETTING UP REGULATORY FRAMEWORK
AND HUMANE TREATMENT PROGRAMS.

OUR PROGRAMS ARE HIGHLY REGARDED, AND SERVE AS MODELS FOR OTHER
STATES IMPLEMENTING PARI-MUTUAL RACING.

THE BOARD IS TO BE COMMENDED FOR ITS EFFORT.

IT IS MY SINCERE HOPE, AND MY OFFICIAL CHARGE TO THE BOARD, THAT
REGULATION OF RACING CONTINUES ... WITH A STRONG SENSITIVITY TO
SOCIAL AND HUMANE CONCERNS.

THIS WILL BE THE CORNERSTONE FOR THE SUCCESS OF PARI-MUTUAL RACING
IN WISCONSIN.

THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH, AND BEST WISHES FOR A VERY SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Source: Marquette University Libraries; Tommy G. Thompson Collection; Series 2:
Gubernatorial Speeches

HERE AT DAIRYLAND GREYHOUND PARK!