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Governor Rendell Proclaims May 2009 RV and Camping Month

Camp Hill, PA April 29, 2009—Governor Edward G. Rendell has proclaimed the month of May as Recreation Vehicle and Camping Month in Pennsylvania for the nineteenth straight year. Governor Rendell states, “The lives of today’s families are increasingly hectic, making the importance of extended and relaxed vacation time as a whole family, away from everyday demands, greater than ever” and he encourages “all citizens to pursue their passions and escape with their families on the road across the farthest reaches of our state.”

Pennsylvania hosts the industries largest trade and retail show in the country at the Hershey Entertainment & Resorts Company® – GIANT Centersm in Hershey, PA (www.largestRVshow.com). Visitors are even welcomed into PA with seven state-wide billboards directing them to the PA RV and Camping Association website. Not only does the RV industry offer a great way to discover Pennsylvania, but also offers career opportunities and apprenticeships to the many campgrounds and RV dealerships across the state of Pennsylvania. RVing continues to be a strong industry in PA. According to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, the total number of registered RVs (motorhomes and trailers) increased by almost 2 percent in 2008 compared to 2007.

In conjunction with the Governor’s proclamation, the Pennsylvania Recreation Vehicle and Camping Association (PRVCA) is kicking off its annual Open House campaign. “The goal of the Open House campaign,” says Rebecca Lenington, PRVCA Executive Vice President, “is to direct consumers to their local campgrounds and dealerships and expose them to the many benefits of RV ownership and the freedom that traveling by RV provides.”

Pennsylvania also holds endless possibilities for adventure and exploration, with its unique sites, history, and culture. Learn what Pennsylvania has to offer when you receive your free copy of the 2009 RV and camping guide, *Explore Pennsylvania*. This 52-page publication is a must for all RV, camping and outdoor enthusiasts. Feature articles include fun tips and helpful hints to help make your already enjoyable outdoor experience that much more. The guide also contains a full PRVCA membership directory connecting readers to hundreds of campgrounds, dealerships, suppliers, manufacturers and much more. What will you Discover...Go RVing.

For more information about PRVCA or for a free copy of *Explore Pennsylvania*, please call (888) 303-2887, email rvcamping@prvca.org, or visit www.paRVing.com.

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Attachment: RV photos courtesy of Go RVing®

Editor’s Note: The Governor’s Proclamation follows:

WHEREAS, The possibilities for adventure and limitless exploration abound throughout the landscape of our Commonwealth. The unique sites, history, and culture of Pennsylvania can be discovered by the entire family from the comfort and convenience of recreation vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the lives of today's families are increasingly hectic, making the importance of extended and relaxed vacation time as a whole family, away from everyday demands, greater than ever; and

WHEREAS, the RV industry offers a wealth of possibility in Pennsylvania, from technical career and apprenticeship opportunities to the thousands of campground operations throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is the fourth largest manufacturer of Recreation Vehicles in the country and proudly hosts the industry's largest trade and retail show in the nation in Hershey.

THEREFORE, I, Edward G. Rendell, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim May 2009 as RECREATION VEHICLE AND CAMPING MONTH in Pennsylvania. I encourage all citizens to pursue their passions and escape with their families on the road across the farthest reaches of our state.

GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, on this twenty-seventh day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and nine, and of the Commonwealth the two hundred and thirty-third.

EDWARD G. RENDELL
Governor