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GREETINGS:

It is my pleasure to congratulate the staff, supporters, and community on the grand opening of The Humane Society of Berks County's Cat Adoption Center.

Pennsylvania is a leader in animal welfare efforts nationwide. Great animal shelters provide progressive programs to help improve the lives of animals and people in need. As partners with state and local law enforcement agencies, Pennsylvania's animal welfare organizations help provide tens of thousands of animals with protection from cruelty and abuse. Each year, Pennsylvania's animal shelters find adoptive homes for hundreds of thousands of homeless pets.

The Humane Society of Berks County (HSBC) is leading the way in developing unique and innovative programs, such as the nationally recognized *PetNet* and *Free To A Great Home* programs, that save even more pets' lives. Through aggressive pet sterilization and at-risk animal health care delivery, the HSBC helps improve pet health and decrease overpopulation.

The HSBC's new Cat Adoption Center is a fantastic example of the future of adoption facilities and a major advance in the way pets and people are brought together to make life-long connections. It will serve as a model for other animal shelters across Pennsylvania and the nation.

As Governor and on behalf of all Pennsylvanians, I extend my best wishes for success with the opening of the Cat Adoption Center. Thank you for helping to find animals the "forever homes" they deserve.



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