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Dear Friends:

I am delighted to send greetings to all gathered to celebrate their passion for skiing as well as the impressive results your local spirit of volunteerism has produced – the re-opening of the Big Tupper Ski Area for the first time in ten years.

Outdoor winter sports enthusiasts for years have enjoyed an exhilarating day on the slopes of the famed “Big Tupper” region of Franklin County, treasuring all aspects of the experience. Skiing has always been one of the most dynamic industries in Upstate New York and, in Tupper Lake, its return is attributable entirely to those who have tirelessly volunteered their time and energy to bring it back to life.

This year, the excitement begins with this official event marking the re-opening of the Big Tupper Ski Area where a day of skiing will draw new generations as well as seasoned veterans back to the trails of these majestic slopes with their glistening snow-capped peaks. The Empire State's Adirondack State Park is one of the most beautiful regions in the United States and among the highlights of Tupper Lake are its stunning panoramic views, natural scenery and vibrant landscapes.

With such unlimited opportunities for outdoor sports and recreation, I join with you in spirit as you hail the arrival of another exciting season of terrific weekend skiing and applaud all of the dedicated volunteers who have worked so hard to make skiing at “Big Tupper” a reality.

Best wishes for a wonderful celebration, a very successful ski season this year and for years to come.

Warmest regards to all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David A. Paterson".

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