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GREETINGS

As Governor of the State of Illinois, I am pleased to welcome everyone gathered in Chicago for the **Indian Muslim Council's (IMC-USA) Second Annual Convention**.

The IMC-USA convention presents an excellent opportunity for each of you to meet with Indians of all ethnicities and religions to highlight important human rights issues. This exchange of ideas is essential to promoting tolerance in these times of religious violence. Your efforts here will not only help India move towards peace, but will also ensure that America remains a symbol of diversity.

I would also like to offer a special welcome to those traveling from outside of Illinois for this event. During your stay, I encourage you to take advantage of the many sites and attractions that this great state has to offer. From historic landmarks and world-renowned museums, to first-class dining and theatre experiences, there is truly a wide array of interests represented in this great state.

On behalf of the citizens of Illinois, I offer my best wishes for a productive and memorable event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rod Blagojevich".

Rod Blagojevich
Governor

