

*Hugh L. Carey, Governor of the State of New York :*

*“Welcome to the entire world”*

New York welcomes you to Lake Placid !

We are proud to be your host for the world's most important winter sports event, and we are doubly proud that the facilities and services at Lake Placid are the finest that modern American ingenuity and technology can provide.

New York State has worked closely with the International Olympic Committee and the Lake Placid Olympic Organising Committee to make the Winter Games in Lake Placid a reality. When the decision was made to make New York State the site for the 1980 Winter Games, we in State Government were determined to demonstrate the Empire State's resourcefulness and hospitality, and we are very pleased that we are ready for the athletes, officials and spectators attending the 1980 Olympic Winter Games.

We look forward to welcoming many international visitors, and we think they will find New York's brand of hospitality unique in the world. New York City, home of the United Nations and a traditional centre of international commerce and trade, is a beacon for travellers and businessmen. In Lake Placid, you will discover that the cosmopolitan flavour of our greatest city has been transplanted in the Adirondack Mountains, where visiting businessmen can learn of New York's many advantages and attractions.

New York is grateful for the co-operation of the Olympic family in making Lake Placid once again in this century the winter sports capital of the world. Our State will benefit in many ways from the competition and camaraderie that will result from this gathering of remarkable athletes.

But most of all, New York looks forward to sharing the happiness that will be experienced by all who gather for the 1980 Winter Games. Athletes, officials and spectators will be drawn together, regardless of political considerations, into a community built on individual achievement.

The 1980 Games will be a celebration of the infinite value of the human spirit, and we relish the opportunity to join in that celebration.

Welcome world ! We're ready !

*H. L. C.*