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**Moment of Silence in Memory of the Victims of the Chornobyl Tragedy  
Saturday, April 28, 2007 at the Ukrainian Heritage School at the UECC**

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Dear Members of the Ukrainian Community in Philadelphia! Dear Ukrainian children!

The world has remembered yet again the tragic events that occurred on April 26<sup>th</sup> in Chornobyl. On this day in 1986 the nuclear station erupted and covered almost half of Europe, from Ukraine to Scandinavia, with radioactive dust. The Chornobyl catastrophe is the largest ecological catastrophe to date. In total, based on reports from the scientific community, the radiation from Chornobyl has affected over 7 million people, of which 3 million are Ukrainian. The population of the affected regions continues to feel the effects of the consequences from the Chornobyl nuclear catastrophe.

Chornobyl is a tragedy that has left its mark in our hearts. Our obligation before those who suffered and died, those who lived, and the unborn is to never forget this horrific day in the history of our native Ukraine. We bow our heads as we remember those who suffered and died in vain. Vichna yim pamyat'!

At this time, we ask you all to take part in a moment of silence in memory of the victims of the Chornobyl tragedy.

With respect,

Borys V. Pawluk  
President, UECC