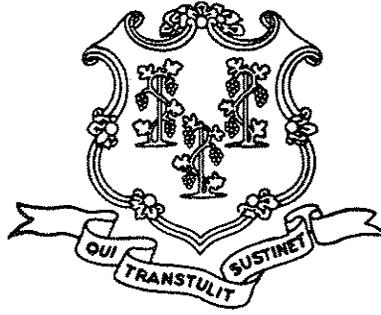


State of



Connecticut

By Her Excellency M. Jodi Rell, Governor: an

## Official Statement

WHEREAS, on April 22, 2009, people all over the State of Connecticut, our nation and the world will participate in the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Earth Day celebration; and

WHEREAS, since 1970, Earth Day has created an upsurge of environmental awareness and activism that has improved the quality of life for all Connecticut residents; and

WHEREAS, Connecticut is a national leader in all things environment, including energy conservation and efficiency, demonstrated by the 2006 'blueprint' for Connecticut that highlights the State's leadership in the development of energy technologies, promotes the use of biofuels and renewable forms of energy, and reduces the cost of fuel and power for Connecticut families and businesses; and

WHEREAS, future plans for 2020 include initiatives to have 20 percent of all energy used come from clean, renewable resources, achieve a 20 percent reduction in electric-peak consumption, and reduce fossil fuel consumption in Connecticut by 20 percent; and

WHEREAS, Long Island Sound is a gem and a treasure that needs to be preserved and Connecticut continues its commitment to protecting water quality by investing in improvements to wastewater treatment plants and preventing a liquefied natural gas platform from being erected in the middle of the Sound; and

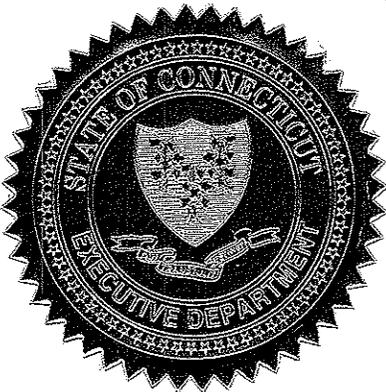
WHEREAS, the No Child Left Inside initiative has been successful in reconnecting Connecticut's families with the State's outdoors and exposing them to the wonderful State parks and forest system; and

WHEREAS, tens of millions of dollars have been invested in open space acquisitions to preserve the charm, beauty, and character of our communities; now

THEREFORE, I, M. Jodi Rell, Governor of the State of Connecticut, in recognition of the 39<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Earth Day and its importance to sustaining our quality of life and protecting our environment for future generations to enjoy, do hereby officially designate April 22, 2009, as

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in the State of Connecticut and urge all citizens to become aware of Connecticut's leadership on issues regarding energy conservation and protecting our environment.



*M. Jodi Rell*  
Governor