



Gov. M. Jodi Rell has declared December 7 to be Pearl Harbor Day in Connecticut, urging all citizens to join her in honoring all those who have risked their lives while serving our country and protecting our way of life.

**The Governor has ordered U.S. and State flags to be displayed**

**at half staff from dawn to dusk on Monday, December 7.**

**W**HEREAS, early on the morning of December 7, 1941, after attempted diplomatic talks between Japan and the United States in Washington, D.C., the United States Pacific Fleet, stationed in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, was attacked by the naval and air forces of Imperial Japan; and

**W**HEREAS, on that morning the Japanese attackers took seven U.S. battleships out of service, and approximately 2,400 Americans were killed with over 1,000 injured during the short, quick attack; and

**W**HEREAS, this day of infamy unified and shocked the American people, and soon after the United States entered the Second World War with unparalleled support; and

**W**HEREAS, each year we remember and dedicate this day to honor those who so valiantly gave the ultimate sacrifice, their lives, to defend this great nation during the attack and subsequent war; and

**W**HEREAS, the annual commemoration of this attack continues to instill a greater sense of understanding and appreciation for those in the United States Armed Forces, both in the past and currently, who have patriotically and courageously answered the call to duty and risked their lives to defend our nation; and

**W**HEREAS, December 7, 2009, marks the sixty-eighth anniversary of the Japanese attack on our freedom, values and way of life, and on the U.S. Pacific Fleet at Pearl Harbor; now

**T**HEREFORE, I, M. Jodi Rell, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby proclaim December 7, 2009, as

## **PEARL HARBOR DAY**

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