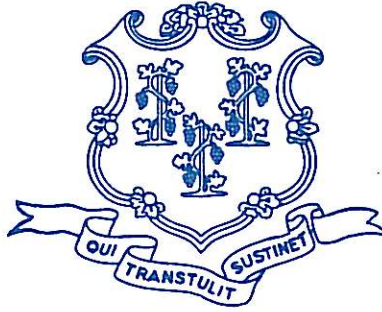


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By Her Excellency M. Jodi Rell, Governor: an

Official Statement

*W*HEREAS, environmental education will increase dramatically by the creation of a full week of educational preparation in K-12 classrooms, university campuses, and informal settings such as nature centers, zoos, aquariums, and museums; and

*W*HEREAS, collaborative efforts will increase the amount of environmental education taking place in America's classrooms prior to Earth Day while drawing educator attention to the larger opportunities and value of environmental education for both year-long education and environmental stewardship; and

*W*HEREAS, environmental education bolsters core environmental literacy in our K-12 students by featuring grade-appropriate "environmental literacy goals and content standards"; and

*W*HEREAS, environmental education will encourage schools to partner with local museums, nature centers, zoos, science centers, aquariums and local parks; and

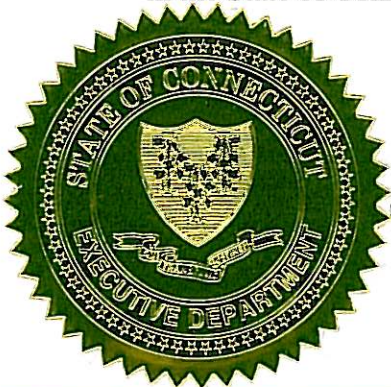
*W*HEREAS, the professional environmental education community will have an opportunity to annually feature its accomplishments with the nation's educational leaders; and

*W*HEREAS, National Environmental Education Week, coordinated by the National Environmental Education Foundation in cooperation with hundreds of outstanding environmental education organizations, education associations, and agencies will become an annually anticipated event for local participation in schools and various education centers in the State of Connecticut; now

*T*HEREFORE, I, M. Jodi Rell, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby officially proclaim the week of April 12 – 18, 2009, as

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION WEEK

in the State of Connecticut and call upon the citizens of Connecticut to recognize and participate in this special observance.



M. Jodi Rell
Governor