

State of



Connecticut

By Her Excellency M. Jodi Rell, Governor: an

Official Statement

*W*HEREAS, the health of Connecticut's children is vital to ensuring their growth and wellness into adulthood; and

*W*HEREAS, children's education in nutrition and agricultural systems is fundamental to developing their capacities for wise decision-making and healthful eating choices; and

*W*HEREAS, Connecticut farms are a valuable source for locally grown, fresh foods and provide a vital link to agricultural learning and community food systems; and

*W*HEREAS, Section 22-38d of the Connecticut General Statutes establishes that the Department of Education, in consultation with the Department of Agriculture, school food service directors and interested farming organizations, shall establish a week-long promotional event in late September or early October, to be known as Connecticut-Grown for Connecticut Kids Week; and

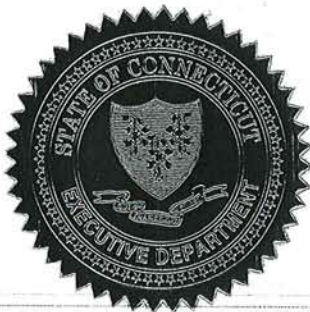
*W*HEREAS, the week's events shall encourage schools to purchase Connecticut-grown farm products, provide outreach concerning the purchase and incorporation of Connecticut-grown farm products in school menus, and arrange for local, regional and statewide events where potential purchasers and farmers can interact; and

*W*HEREAS, Connecticut-Grown for Connecticut Kids Week provides an opportunity to focus on bringing together the valued assets of Connecticut's children with the valued community asset of Connecticut agriculture, allowing students and farmers to interact; now

*T*HEREFORE, I, M. Jodi Rell, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby officially proclaim the week of October 17 – October 23, 2010 as

CONNECTICUT GROWN FOR CONNECTICUT KIDS WEEK

in the State of Connecticut.



M. Jodi Rell
Governor