State of Connecticut

By Her Excellency M. Jodi Rell, Governor: an

Official Statement

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

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

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

WHEREAS, 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 event in late September or early October, to be known as Connecticut-Grown for Connecticut Kids Week; and

WHEREAS, 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

WHEREAS, Connecticut-Grown for Connecticut Kids Week provides an opportunity to focus on bringing the valued asset of local agriculture to our students' lunch table, thus allowing Connecticut's schools and Connecticut's farms to connect; now

THEREFORE, I, M. Jodi Rell, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby officially proclaim the week of October 5 – October 11, 2008 as

CONNECTICUT-GROWN FOR CONNECTICUT KIDS WEEK

in the State of Connecticut.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

M. Jodi Rell
Governor