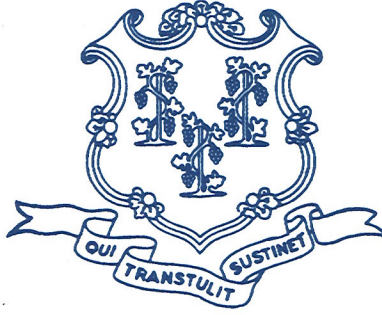


State of



Connecticut

By Her Excellency M. Jodi Rell, Governor: an

Official Statement

WHEREAS, as acknowledged in the *No Child Left Inside* Initiative in the State of Connecticut, June is the perfect month to spend time outdoors and appreciate the natural beauty we are lucky to live in; and

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut has many different environments to enjoy, including sandy beaches, dense forests, grassy open areas, lofty mountains to climb and many lakes, rivers and of course, Long Island Sound; and

WHEREAS, spending time outdoors provides countless opportunities for families and friends to get together, enjoy each other's company, be healthy and participate in many recreational, community-oriented and leisure pursuits; and

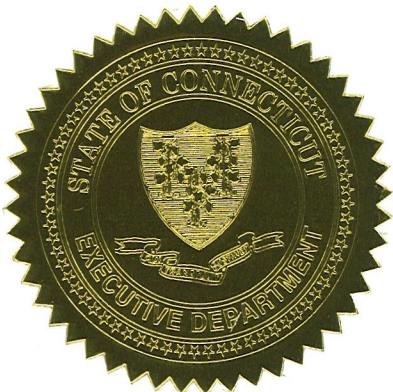
WHEREAS, communities, citizens and the government have initiated many conservation efforts to keep our outdoors pristine and natural so that year after year our beaches, mountains and fields are available for activities and enjoyment; and

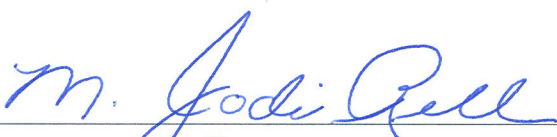
WHEREAS, as June is the first month of summer vacation, I urge everyone to go outside, enjoy the fresh air and experience everything that the Connecticut outdoors has to offer; now

THEREFORE, I, M. Jodi Rell, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2009, to be

GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH

in the State of Connecticut and encourage all Connecticut residents to visit, enjoy and protect our great outdoors.




Governor