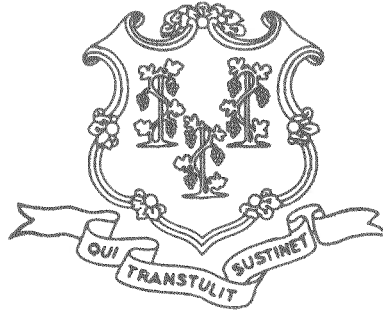


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Connecticut

By Her Excellency M. Jodi Rell, Governor: an

Official Statement

*W*HEREAS, the Connecticut General Assembly adopted legislation in the 2001 Session that stresses the importance of international education, and Section 10-27(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes reads, “It shall be the policy of the state to encourage its students, teachers, administrators and educational policy makers to participate in international studies, international exchange programs and other activities that advance cultural awareness and promote mutual understanding and respect for the citizens of other countries”; and

*W*HEREAS, international education and exchange include thousands of programs, public and private, campus-based and national, that promote the sharing of ideas and experiences across borders, including study-abroad programs, citizen and scholarly exchanges, foreign students on United States campuses, area and foreign language studies, and global approaches to United States education; and

*W*HEREAS, by participating in such programs our young people develop a greater appreciation and respect for other people and their cultures, and break down barriers to understanding and cooperation, which are vital to peace and prosperity; and

*W*HEREAS, we live in an increasingly interconnected world and improving global literacy among our citizens contributes significantly to our nation’s foreign policy, economic competitiveness and national security; and

*W*HEREAS, it is important that citizens and institutions across this nation participate in celebrating this week and recognizing the importance of international education in our lives and communities; now

*T*HEREFORE, I, M. Jodi Rell, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby officially proclaim the week of November 16 – 20, 2009, as

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK

in the State of Connecticut.



M. Jodi Rell
Governor