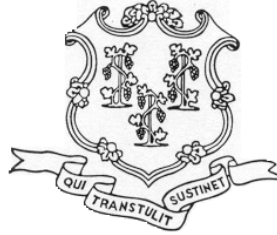


State of



Connecticut

By Her Excellency M. Jodi Rell, Governor: an

Official Statement

*W*HEREAS, public schools are the backbone of our democracy, providing young people with the tools they need to maintain our nation's precious values of freedom, civility, and equality; and

*W*HEREAS, creating an environment that fosters the spirit of free expression and discovery, public schools provide an invaluable service to the State of Connecticut and the nation; and

*W*HEREAS, by equipping young Americans with both practical skills and broader intellectual abilities, schools give them hope for, and access to, a productive future, public education instills children with the necessary tools to build dreams; and

*W*HEREAS, education employees – be they custodians, teachers, bus drivers or librarians – work tirelessly to serve our children and communities with care and professionalism, and the success of our students is a testament to the employees' hard work, dedication, and self-sacrifice; and

*W*HEREAS, the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics and the National Science Teachers association provide unique and outstanding learning opportunities for teachers at all grade levels, through the interdisciplinary workshops teachers can better provide students with an environment that promotes and fosters the learning experience; now

*T*HEREFORE, I, M. Jodi Rell, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby officially proclaim the month of October as

**CONNECTICUT TEACHERS OF MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE
APPRECIATION MONTH**

in the State of Connecticut. I encourage all citizens to join me in commending the hard work of all our great Math and Science teachers throughout the State of Connecticut.



M. Jodi Rell
Governor