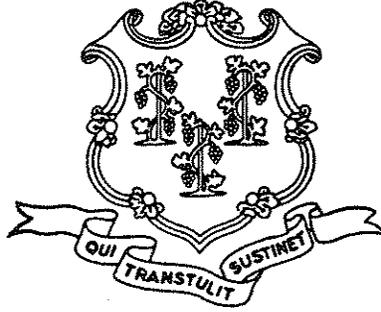


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By Her Excellency M. Jodi Rell, Governor: an

Official Statement

*W*HEREAS, thousands of dedicated firefighters, whether career or volunteer, give tirelessly and unselfishly of their time, energy, talents, and expertise to save lives and property in communities throughout Connecticut; and

*W*HEREAS, firefighters stand ready to meet any challenge that endangers life or property in their communities. Considerations of time, season, or weather have no bearing on the commitment of fire department members; and

*W*HEREAS, the dedication and valor of firefighters inspire trust, pride, and admiration; and

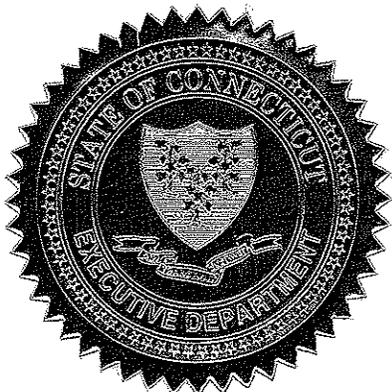
*W*HEREAS, the people of Connecticut owe firefighters recognition and gratitude for their courage and heroism; and

*W*HEREAS, it is the hope of many that firefighters across the State continue to protect our property and families as they have in the past; now

*T*HEREFORE, I, M. JODI RELL, Governor of the State of Connecticut, in appreciation of the outstanding services that firefighters provide, do hereby officially proclaim September 6, 2009, as

FIREFIGHTERS DAY

in the State of Connecticut. I urge all of our residents to recognize the valuable role that firefighters play in our lives.



M. Jodi Rell
Governor