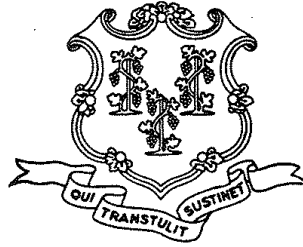


State of



Connecticut

By Her Excellency M. Jodi Rell, Governor: an

Official Statement

*W*HEREAS, the Asian Longhorned Beetle is a large black insect which is native to China and several other areas of the far east; and

*W*HEREAS, the Asian Longhorned Beetle is considered an invasive species in North America, where it is a serious threat to many species of deciduous hardwood trees; and

*W*HEREAS, tunneling by beetle larvae girdles tree stems and branches, repeated attacks lead to dieback of the tree crown and eventually the death of the tree; and

*W*HEREAS, the Asian Longhorned Beetles are believed to have been introduced into the United States from wood pallets and other wood packing material accompanying cargo shipments from Asia; and

*W*HEREAS, since its discovery in Brooklyn, New York in 1996, the beetle has appeared in several other locations throughout the United States, and specifically the Northeast; and

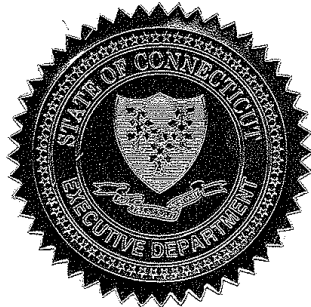
*W*HEREAS, the only current means of eliminating the Asian Longhorned Beetle is to remove infested trees and destroy them by chipping or burning; and

*W*HEREAS, early detection of infestations and rapid treatment response are crucial to successful eradication of the beetle; and

*W*HEREAS, the State of Connecticut is committed to stopping the spread of the Asian Longhorned Beetle before it has the chance to harm our trees or forests; now

*T*HEREFORE, I, M. Jodi Rell, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby officially proclaim the month of August 2009, as

ASIAN LONGHORNED BEETLE AWARENESS MONTH
in the State of Connecticut.



M. Jodi Rell
Governor