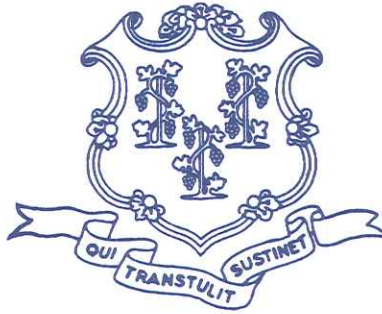


State of



Connecticut

By Her Excellency M. Jodi Rell, Governor: an

Official Statement

WHEREAS, Connecticut Trails Day is coordinated annually by the Connecticut Forest and Park Association (CFPA), the oldest conservation organization in the state, and is being celebrated on June 5 and 6, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Connecticut Trails Day consists of 162 events in 88 towns and provides an opportunity for Connecticut residents to hike, paddle, ride, walk, and explore Connecticut's outdoors; and

WHEREAS, this statewide celebration brings continued awareness of the trails, the many joys and benefits they provide, and helps to broaden the constituency for the trails; and

WHEREAS, this occasion provides a free opportunity for every Connecticut resident to sample our State's trails, rivers, parks, and greenways on the path toward a healthier and more active lifestyle; and

WHEREAS, the alliance of diverse trail-user groups fosters responsible and sustainable use of our State's limited natural resources and encourages children and their families to explore the outdoors by participating in the guided hikes designed especially for them through CFPA's WalkCT Family Ramble program; and

WHEREAS, Connecticut Trails Day is also a catalyst for cooperation and coordination among environmental and conservation organizations, the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection, local and regional land trusts, town agencies, outdoor-minded business, volunteers, and corporate and non-profit sponsors; and

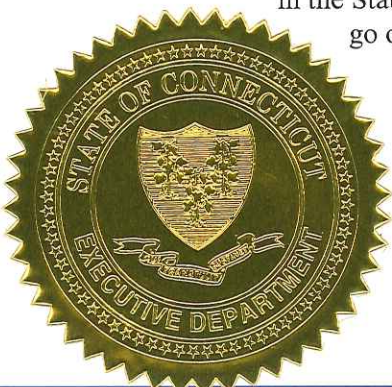
WHEREAS, the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection's Great Park Pursuit, a multi-week outdoor family adventure connecting Connecticut's children and their families to the wonders that our state parks and forests have to offer, has partnered with Connecticut Trails Day to facilitate a love of the outdoors; and

WHEREAS, this is the largest state event on National Trails Day, which has been organized by the American Hiking Society since June 1993, and provides Connecticut residents with an opportunity to walk and explore Connecticut, to promote walking and other non-motorized activities along trails and sidewalks around the state; now

THEREFORE, I, M. Jodi Rell, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby officially proclaim June 5, 2010, as

CONNECTICUT TRAILS DAY

in the State of Connecticut. I urge all citizens to take this opportunity to go outside and experience Connecticut's beautiful outdoors.



M. Jodi Rell
Governor