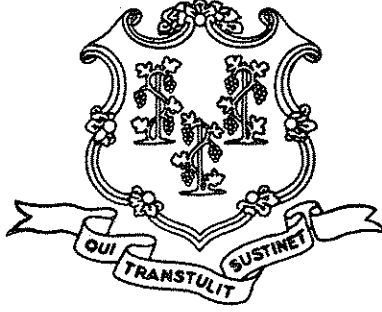


State of



Connecticut

By Her Excellency M. Jodi Rell, Governor: an

Official Statement

WHEREAS, the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009 and the Stimulus initiatives throughout the nation, region and State are fueling the economy and forging exciting opportunities for job growth and new careers in Connecticut, and the following organizations are providing ways for students and workers throughout the Nutmeg State to both gain knowledge and leverage their ability thus creating greater skill capacity for the kind of competitiveness required to keep Connecticut a leader in cutting edge economic innovation; and

WHEREAS, work has been called the finest expression of the human spirit; and

WHEREAS, given the thousands of occupations in Connecticut's economy, planning a career can be formidable; experts agree that the ongoing process of career development is essential for all individuals to maximize their personal potential, as well as for the continued health of our economy; and

WHEREAS, career development is necessary for children as they expand their awareness of the world of work, for youth exploring educational and career options, and for adults faced with a workplace of challenge, change and the need for lifelong learning, it is clear that informed decision-making and planning are keys to career success; and

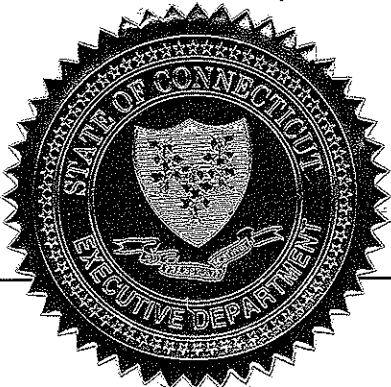
WHEREAS, Connecticut's engine of prosperity is firmly rooted in the tradition of Yankee ingenuity; and to respond to the current economic situation, we must work with our schools and communities to provide the career development services needed by our citizenry and by so doing, we will spark Connecticut's spirit of innovation and growth—our State's hallmark; and

WHEREAS, this year, many organizations will sponsor activities to support the celebration of National Career Development Month, including: the Connecticut State Departments of Connecticut Community-Technical Colleges, Economic and Community Development, Education, Higher Education, Labor, Social Services, and Veterans Affairs; Connecticut Career Resource Network; Connecticut Employment and Training Commission; Connecticut State University System, and Connecticut Technology Council; Governor's Office of Workforce Competitiveness; Connecticut Community Colleges' College of Technology Regional Center for Next Generation Manufacturing; Connecticut State Library; Connecticut Business and Industry Association Education Foundation; Connecticut Women's Education and Legal Fund; Connecticut Career Counseling and Development Association; Connecticut School Counselor Association; Connecticut Association for Counselor Education and Supervision; and Connecticut Counseling Association; and

WHEREAS, the goals of these institutions include informing the public about career development services and how to utilize them, publicizing where services are available, and building public understanding of the importance of career development; now

THEREFORE, I, M. Jodi Rell, Governor of the State of Connecticut, in recognition and support of these goals and in tribute to those professionals who provide career guidance, counseling, and development services in a variety of settings, do hereby proclaim November 2009, as

CAREER DEVELOPMENT MONTH
in the State of Connecticut.



M. Jodi Rell
Governor