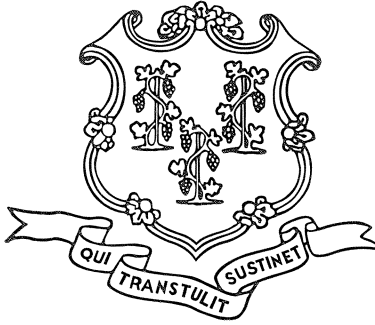


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By Her Excellency M. Jodi Rell, Governor: an

Official Statement

*W*HEREAS, entrepreneurship is vital to Connecticut's growth and prosperity in both the near and distant future in this highly competitive, global economy; and

*W*HEREAS, according to the Department of Labor, a majority of new jobs created throughout the United States in the past decade have come from the creative efforts of entrepreneurs; and

*W*HEREAS, more than 70 percent of young people envision starting a business or doing something entrepreneurial as adults, and entrepreneurial awareness will assist them in the future regardless of whether they run their own business or work in a business owned by others; and

*W*HEREAS, encouraging youth to be excited about entrepreneurship and working to expand the knowledge, skills and attitude of Connecticut's youth to be successful entrepreneurs is crucial to the long-term growth of local communities and the State; and

*W*HEREAS, Entrepreneurship Week provides an opportunity to focus on the innovative ways in which entrepreneurship education can bring together the core academic, technical and problem-solving skills essential for future entrepreneurs and successful workers; now

*T*HEREFORE, I, M. Jodi Rell, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby proclaim the week of February 24 to March 3, 2007, as

ENTREPRENEURSHIP WEEK

in the state of Connecticut.



M. Jodi Rell
Governor