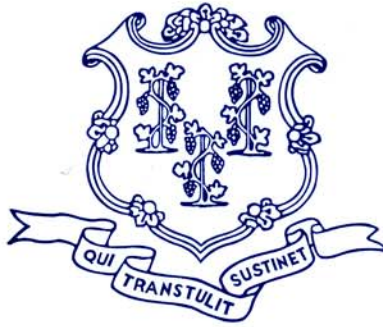


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By Her Excellency M. Jodi Rell, Governor: an

Official Statement

*W*HEREAS, the National FFA Organization, in conjunction with agricultural education, provides a strong foundation for the youth of America and the future of food, fiber and natural resource systems through Connecticut's Regional Vocational Agriculture Centers; and

*W*HEREAS, the FFA, the nation's largest organization for students studying agriculture and related occupations, promotes leadership, personal growth and career success among its members; and

*W*HEREAS, agricultural education and the FFA ensure a steady supply of young professionals to meet the growing demands in the science, business and technology of agriculture; and

*W*HEREAS, the FFA motto – "Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve" – gives direction of purpose to these students who take an active role in making the connection with agricultural education; and

*W*HEREAS, the FFA promotes citizenship, volunteerism, patriotism and cooperation; and

*W*HEREAS, the Connecticut FFA Association has provided agriculture education to the youth of Connecticut for over 77 years; and

*W*HEREAS, Connecticut FFA Chapters are located in all 8 counties in the State of Connecticut and serve students in 21 different locations; now

*T*HEREFORE, I, M. JODI RELL, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby officially designate the week of February 17-24, 2007, as

NATIONAL FFA WEEK

in the State of Connecticut.



M. Jodi Rell
Governor