



State of

Connecticut

By Her Excellency M. Jodi Rell, Governor: an

Official Statement

WHEREAS, schools make substantial contributions to the future of America and to the development of our nation's young people as knowledgeable, responsible, and productive citizens; and

WHEREAS, excellence in education is dependent on safe, secure, and peaceful school settings; and

WHEREAS, the safety and well-being of many students are unnecessarily jeopardized by bullying in our schools; and

WHEREAS, as many as 160,000 students stay home on any given day because they are afraid of being bullied; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of all citizens to enhance the learning experiences of young people by helping to ensure fair and effective discipline, promoting good citizenship, and making schools safe and secure; and

WHEREAS, all leaders — especially those in education, law enforcement, government and business — should eagerly collaborate with each other to focus public attention on school safety and to promote anti-bullying efforts; and

WHEREAS, numerous schools, school districts and states throughout the country have adopted policies and programs in order to raise awareness and prevent bullying; and

WHEREAS, Anti-Bullying Day, in conjunction with the observance of America's Safe Schools Week and Connecticut Safe Schools Week which will be held October 21-27, 2007, will substantially promote efforts to provide all our nation's schools with positive and safe learning climates; now

THEREFORE, I, M. Jodi Rell, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby officially proclaim October 22, 2007, as

ANTI-BULLYING DAY
in the State of Connecticut.




Governor