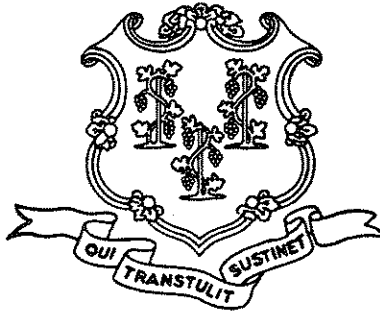


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By Her Excellency M. Jodi Rell, Governor: an

Official Statement

*W*HEREAS, children are our future and encapsulate the promise of the State of Connecticut. It is essential, that we, as parents and parent leaders, support, nurture and encourage children to become mature, responsible and productive citizens; and

*W*HEREAS, meaningful parent leadership is evident when parents and other caretaker relatives gain the knowledge and skills necessary to assume leadership roles in our communities; and

*W*HEREAS, the power of parent leadership has made and will continue to make a positive impact on the health, safety and learning of children across Connecticut; and

*W*HEREAS, it is important to commend and support parent leaders for their role in helping to build strong and healthy communities, which will in turn nurture future generations of children; and

*W*HEREAS, parent leadership instruction expands parents role as positive change agents for children and strengthens families; and

*W*HEREAS, the State of Connecticut has wisely invested in a statewide collaborative effort with private and public partners to develop an integrated parent leadership infrastructure; and

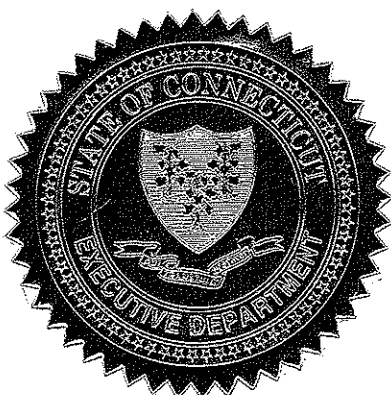
*W*HEREAS, Connecticut is recognized as the first in the nation to intentionally create a system of parent leadership opportunities for parents to actively exercise their civic and parental responsibilities; and

*W*HEREAS, the month of February is designated as National Parent Leadership Month to recognize, honor and celebrate parents leaders for their hard work and the vital role they play in their homes and communities and in local, state, national and international arenas; now

*T*HEREFORE, I, M. Jodi Rell, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2009, as

PARENT LEADERSHIP MONTH

in the State of Connecticut.



M. Jodi Rell
Governor