

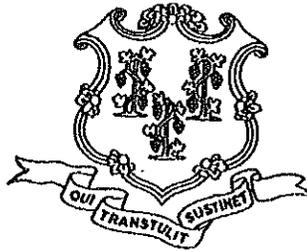


Governor Rell signed a proclamation to make Feb. : Parent Leadership Month:

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Us parents , with our children and families need to realize there are a lot of bills here at the Capitol that go in front of committees daily... These bills are going to be passed or denied, depending on public out cry. During these tuff economic times, it is essential, that we all come together, and work very hard, towards letting our voices be heard, and let the legislation know our voices are important, and together we all can make that needed difference, towards a better Connecticut. I can not understand how Governor Rell makes a proclamation to make Feb., Parent Leadership Month, and she takes away the commission on children, with-in her budget cuts... Children, are our future, the reason why we do everything we do... This commission was at the out most important towards help, and guidance for those of our most vulnerable citizens, CT youngsters ! Now, is even more vital that we stand up and be heard. Each and everyone of our children, here in this Great State of OURS! Is counting on us, their parents, to make sure they get the services needed, for: them to grow, succeed and nurture! Here's to our children, and heres to each one of our families... and only together, strong and untied is anything going to change for the better... Please, stand strong, stand proud, and let you voices be heard. Our children are counting on each one of us, to make things go forth for their best interest... Lisa Lessard 1-203-754-0730

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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

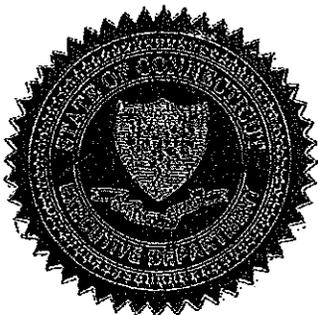
*W*HEREAS, Connecticut is recognized as the first in the nation to intentionally create a system of parent leadership opportunities for parents to actively exercise their civic and parental responsibilities; and

*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