

State of

Connecticut

By Her Excellency M. Jodi Rell, Governor: an

## Official Statement

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

WHEREAS, 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

WHEREAS, 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

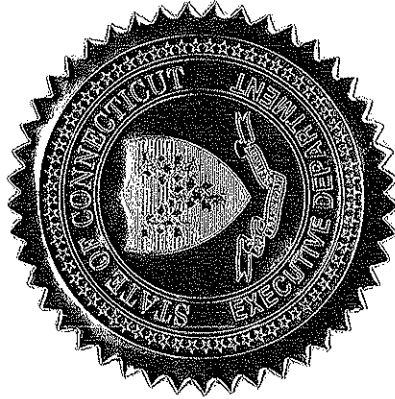
WHEREAS, encouraging youth to be excited about entrepreneurship and working to expand the knowledge, skills and attitude of Connecticut's youth to be successful entrepreneurs is crucial to the long-term growth of local communities and the State; and

WHEREAS, 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

THEREFORE, I, M. Jodi Rell, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby proclaim the week of February 23 to March 1, 2008, as

### **ENTREPRENEURSHIP WEEK**

in the state of Connecticut.



  
Governor