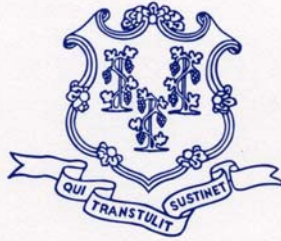


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By Her Excellency M. Jodi Rell, Governor: an

## Official Statement

*W*HEREAS, the National Association for Music Education and other organizations nationwide are renewing national awareness of the patriotic traditions of the United States; and

*W*HEREAS, school music programs play an important role in upholding our nation's heritage; and

*W*HEREAS, music education helps to develop students' artistic skills using familiar songs like "The Star-Spangled Banner" and other patriotic pieces, while also teaching our nation's history and culture; and

*W*HEREAS, the Connecticut Music Educators Association is committed to ensuring that every child in every music class knows the words and is able to sing our National Anthem; and

*W*HEREAS, our future is enhanced by the quality of the patriotic knowledge and awareness provided to children of all ages today; high quality music education represents a worthy commitment to our children and our nation's future; now

*T*HEREFORE, I, M. Jodi Rell, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby proclaim September 14, 2005, as

### **NATIONAL ANTHEM PROJECT DAY**

in the State of Connecticut. I encourage teachers, students and all citizens to participate in singing the National Anthem in public and private assemblies in Connecticut and urge all citizens to recognize music educators throughout this state for their important work on behalf of our children and our nation's future.



*M. Jodi Rell*  
Governor