

State of

Connecticut

By Her Excellency M. Jodi Rell, Governor: an

Official Statement

WHEREAS, Connecticut's proud legacy of Yankee Ingenuity remains an essential ingredient to a prosperous economy and for insuring a standard of living in the state that Connecticut residents have come to expect and deserve; and

WHEREAS, talent and innovation remain integral to advancing the state's competitive advantage and economic growth in the 21st century, and the quality of talent and level of innovation required to compete in a global, knowledge-based economy is being elevated to unprecedented heights; and

WHEREAS, for both students and workers, 21st century talent is defined in terms of achievement and mastery of core subjects, including science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM), as well as information and communication skills, thinking and problem-solving skills, interpersonal skills, and proficiency with languages; and

WHEREAS, Connecticut's students represent the future of the state, and their ability to successfully compete in a technology and innovation-driven world will be key not only to their own success but to the success of the state and the nation; and

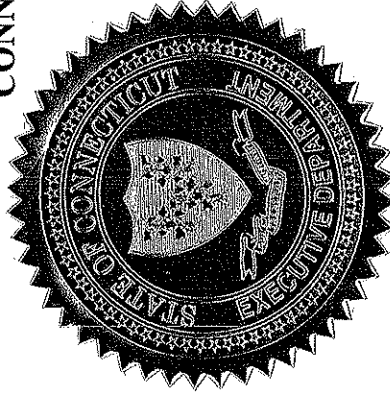
WHEREAS, providing broad opportunities for students to experience the wonder and promise of the creative processes that lead to innovation, discovery, and invention are essential features of a 21st century teaching and learning environment; and

WHEREAS, some of the programs that provide Connecticut students with opportunities to learn and apply essential 21st century skills and competencies critical to success in an increasingly technology-driven world include Connecticut Career Choices, the Connecticut Pre-Engineering Program, Project Lead The Way, the Connecticut Technology Student Association, and the Connecticut Community Colleges' College of Technology, Regional Center for Next Generation Manufacturing; now

THEREFORE, I, M. Jodi Rell, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby officially proclaim May 10, 2008, as

CONNECTICUT STUDENT INNOVATORS' DAY

in the State of Connecticut.



M. Jodi Rell
Governor