

State of

Connecticut

By Her Excellency M. Jodi Rell, Governor: an

Official Statement

WHEREAS, September 19-25, 2010, coincides with the anniversary of the Food and Agriculture Act of 1962, which established the Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Program; and

WHEREAS, the RC&D Program was created to conserve natural resources and develop the social and economic well-being of rural communities through the work of volunteer-driven RC&D Councils with assistance provided by all facets of the United States Department of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the 375 nationwide RC&D Councils now serve 180 million people in 2,693 counties in all 50 states, the Caribbean, and the Pacific Basin; and

WHEREAS, the two RC&D Councils in Connecticut, Eastern Connecticut RC&D Council established in 1968 and the King's Mark RC&D Council established in 1974, by providing a focal point of local leadership and community engagement, have brought together private citizens, grassroots organizations, and local, state, and federal agencies to accomplish projects from the local to the national level; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of RC&D Councils have improved the economy, environment, and living standards of this Nation; and

WHEREAS, RC&D Councils have successfully brought a return of \$5.40 for every dollar the federal government has provided and have enabled the communities they serve to achieve many other essential ends, such as the development of successful teams, groups, programs, competitions, and databases; and

WHEREAS, the mission of RC&D Councils to deliver coordinated resource conservation and rural development assistance throughout America remains as important today as it was at its inception; and

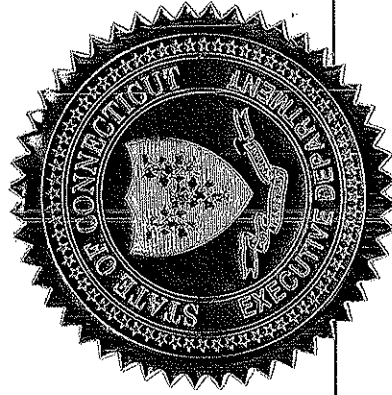
WHEREAS, the accomplishments of RC&D Councils illustrate the potential of volunteer organizations in this Nation; and

WHEREAS, the Eastern Connecticut and King's Mark RC&D Councils' comprehensive efforts, from saving the environment to fortifying the economy, have touched the lives of all citizens in Connecticut; now

THEREFORE, in recognition of the many important contributions of the Connecticut RC&D Councils, I, M. Jodi Rell, Governor, do hereby proclaim the week of September 19-25, 2010, as

RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT WEEK

in the State of Connecticut. I urge all our citizens to join with the United States Department of Agriculture to honor the achievements of RC&D Councils and recognize this historic anniversary.



M. Jodi Rell
Governor