

State of



Connecticut

By Her Excellency M. Jodi Rell, Governor: an

## Official Statement

*W*HEREAS, agriculture is the science, art and business of cultivating the soil, producing crops and raising livestock; and

*W*HEREAS, it would be impossible to imagine the Connecticut landscape without agriculture—scenic farms, country roads and hillsides dotted with sheep and cattle; nurseries and greenhouses to supply color and beauty to our homes and businesses; apple blossoms in the spring, fresh fruits and vegetables in the summer; pumpkins in the fall; or Christmas trees in the winter; and

*W*HEREAS, on September 25, 2010, the Agricultural Steering Committee will host their 10<sup>th</sup> annual “Celebrating Agriculture” event at the Woodstock Fairgrounds in Woodstock, Connecticut; and

*W*HEREAS, “Celebrating Agriculture” is primarily an educational event and provides the chance to meet many local farmers and agricultural support representatives who continue to support and play a pivotal role in Connecticut’s farmland, as well as in enriching and maintaining Connecticut’s open space; and

*W*HEREAS, this event showcases the benefits agriculture provides to the Quinebaug-Shetucket region, as well as highlighting the challenges today’s farms face; furthermore, it is being held in a town that exemplifies a lasting commitment to maintaining agriculture as a fundamental part of both its economic and environmental future; now

*T*HEREFORE I, M. Jodi Rell, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby officially proclaim September 25, 2010, as

### “CELEBRATING AGRICULTURE” DAY

in the state of Connecticut. I urge all Connecticut residents to continue to support our state’s agriculture industry in the years to come.



*M. Jodi Rell*  
Governor