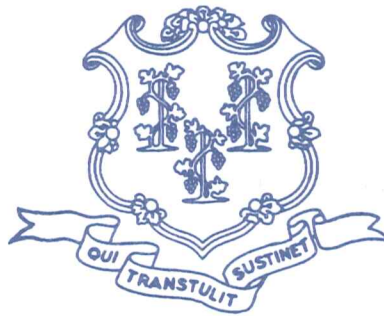


State of



Connecticut

By Her Excellency M. Jodi Rell, Governor: an

Official Statement

WHEREAS, the International Commission on Biological Effects of Noise is hosting the 9th International Congress on Noise as a Public Health Problem on July 21 – 25, 2008; and

WHEREAS, this week-long congress is held once every five years for the past forty years and serves to provide a forum for researchers, policymakers, and concerned groups and businesses to learn about recent developments and findings and set a basis for future research and legislation; and

WHEREAS, the appointed groups for each Congress facilitate communication by presenting new approaches, techniques and directions after compiling the research and legislation since the previous Congress; and

WHEREAS, some of the items on the agenda for the scientific program include the effects of noise on sleep, noise-induced hearing loss, influence of noise on performance and behaviors, community response to noise and noise policy; and

WHEREAS, this event is also an opportunity for professional networking and increasing interest in other areas of noise-related research, as well as taking advantage of all the resources that Connecticut and the shoreline have to offer; and

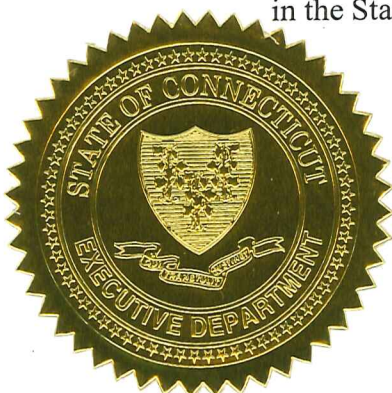
WHEREAS, since the Congress is being held at Foxwoods Resort and Casino near Mystic, visitors have plenty of opportunities to explore Mystic Seaport, the Aquarium, local beaches, restaurants, shopping, and countless other activities; and

WHEREAS, at the end of the Congress, all the findings and recommendations will be published and new information, knowledge, and partnerships will emerge; now

THEREFORE, I M. Jodi Rell, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby officially proclaim the week of July 21 – 25, 2008, as

**INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON NOISE
AS A PUBLIC HEALTH PROBLEM WEEK**

in the State of Connecticut in honor of the efforts of the participants
to study noise and its biological effects.




Governor