



By Her Excellency M. Jodi Rell, Governor: an

Official Statement

*W*HEREAS, the State of Connecticut fosters equal employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities of all ages and supports the principle of all people reaching their full potential for economic success; and

*W*HEREAS, the State of Connecticut has initiated Connect-Ability, a program created to bring together employers with the state's able talent pool of people with disabilities; and

*W*HEREAS, Connect-Ability will continue to promote employment opportunities and break down the barriers between the workplace and people with disabilities by 'seeing the ability, seeing how we can work together'; and

*W*HEREAS, Connect-Ability has quickly become one of the first initiatives of its kind in the nation and serves as a model for other states' planning similar programs; and

*W*HEREAS, the Department of Social Services will continue to manage a multi-year, multimillion-dollar federal grant from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to implement Connect-Ability; and

*W*HEREAS, today we honor *Mohegan Sun* for its leadership and accomplishments in identifying and removing barriers to hiring and promoting individuals with disabilities; now

*T*HEREFORE, I, M. Jodi Rell, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby officially declare Thursday, June 12, 2008, as

CONNECT-ABILITY DAY

in the State of Connecticut and extend my congratulations and best wishes for continued successful partnership in the years ahead.




Governor