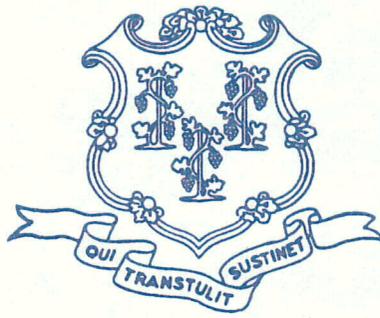


State of



Connecticut

By Her Excellency M. Jodi Rell, Governor: an

Official Statement

*W*HEREAS, almost 21,000 Connecticut residents are diagnosed with cancer each year; and

*W*HEREAS, the Connecticut Tumor Registry, containing records on over 800,000 cancer cases diagnosed in Connecticut residents since 1935, is the oldest state-wide population-based registry in the United States; and

*W*HEREAS, Connecticut Cancer Registrars assist in gathering data to determine incidence, mortality, treatment and survival in Connecticut; and

*W*HEREAS, each hospital in Connecticut has a dedicated cancer registry, which provides information to the Connecticut Tumor Registry in Hartford; data are collected from hospitals, pathology laboratories, physicians and death certificates, and are used by a variety of researchers, medical professionals, and others concerned about cancer; and

*W*HEREAS, Connecticut Cancer Registrars define preventable health problems related to cancer and identify what can and must be done to promote early detection and treatment and provide resources, consultation, and participation with other states to epidemiologists, Connecticut's medical community, public agencies, and the National Cancer Institute to monitor cancer incidence and patterns of care and to develop prevention and cancer control measures; and

*W*HEREAS, Connecticut Cancer registrars provide lifetime follow-up of cancer patients, and respond to local concerns and questions about cancer and support other Department of Public Health programs that are developing effective disease prevention measures; now

*T*HEREFORE, I, M. Jodi Rell, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby officially proclaim April 7 through April 11, 2008, as

CANCER REGISTRARS WEEK

in the State of Connecticut and encourage all Connecticut citizens to recognize the importance of cancer registrars in the diagnosis and treatment of cancer.



M. Jodi Rell
Governor