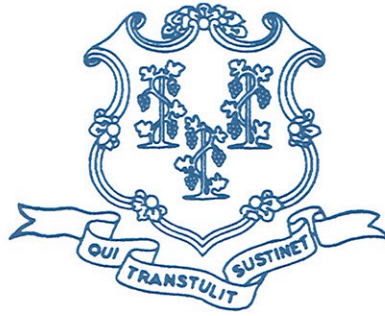


State of



Connecticut

By Her Excellency M. Jodi Rell, Governor: an

Official Statement

WHEREAS, the American Guild of Organists (AGO), the world's largest and foremost professional association for organists, has declared July 2008 through June 2009 as the International Year of the Organ; and

WHEREAS, the AGO was founded in 1896 as an educational and service organization and is organizing one of the largest global music celebrations of its kind this year; and

WHEREAS, the AGO's mission is to encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music, as well as promote the organ and provide a forum for education and inspiration for its members; and

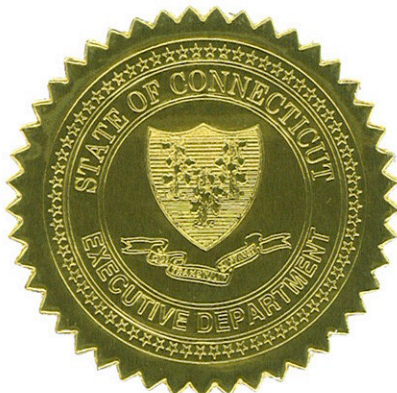
WHEREAS, the International Year of the Organ will feature numerous events worldwide including concerts, recitals, organ-building workshops, organ music appreciation classes for students, and the year's highlight, the "Organ Spectacular" on October 19, 2008 when over 250 concerts are scheduled; and

WHEREAS, the 18,000 members of the AGO in the United States and abroad will celebrate the "King of Instruments," its colorful history, and its contributions to the universal language of music throughout the year; now

THEREFORE, I, M. Jodi Rell, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby proclaim July 2008 through June 2009, as the

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE ORGAN

in the State of Connecticut and encourage all Connecticut residents to take some time during the year to enjoy the music of the organ.




Governor