State of Connecticut

By Her Excellency M. Jodi Rell, Governor: an

Official Statement

WHEREAS, 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

WHEREAS, 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

WHEREAS, 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

WHEREAS, 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

WHEREAS, 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

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

THEREFORE, 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.

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Governor