WHEREAS, the families and loved ones of the victims, the wounded, the Town of Newtown and the State of Connecticut continue to suffer from the horrific acts of violence that occurred at Sandy Hook Elementary School on Friday, December 14, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the lives of twenty innocent children and six dedicated educators were lost at that school; and

WHEREAS, the tremendous acts of bravery by Sandy Hook Elementary School staff and first responders unquestionably saved many young lives; and

WHEREAS, all of Connecticut’s people, and indeed the people of the world, mourn the immeasurable losses suffered by the families and loved ones of the fallen; and

WHEREAS, in times of struggle, neighbors, friends, family members and fellow citizens unite as a community to ensure that faith, hope and love remain the foundation of this state and our nation; now

THEREFORE, I, Dannel P. Malloy, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby proclaim Friday, December 21, 2012 a

DAY OF MOURNING

in the State of Connecticut, and I call upon all citizens of this state to observe this day with a moment of silence at 9:30 a.m. I also ask places of worship and government buildings, which have the ability, to ring bells twenty-six times during that moment in honor of each life that was taken far too soon at Sandy Hook Elementary School.