

By His Excellency Dannel P. Malloy, Governor: an  
**Official Statement**

*W*HEREAS, high-quality public education for all is essential to our democracy and our economy; and

*W*HEREAS, the United States has historically made considerable progress in the social, technological, and scientific fields due to our system of free and universal public education; and

*W*HEREAS, much of this progress can be attributed to the qualified and dedicated educators entrusted with the education and intellectual development of our children; and

*W*HEREAS, teachers are held in high regard as a reflection of the value we place on public education; and

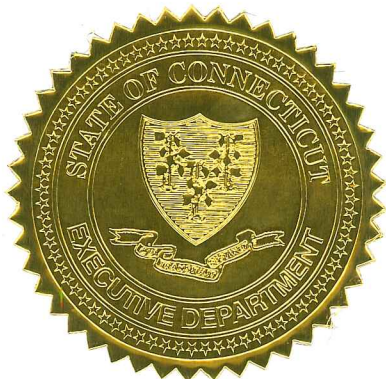
*W*HEREAS, the citizens of Connecticut are keenly aware of the important role teachers play in helping children reach their full potential; and

*W*HEREAS, teachers continue to influence us long after the school day ends; now

*T*HEREFORE, I, Dannel P. Malloy, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby officially proclaim the week of May 5 – 9, 2014 as

**NATIONAL TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK**

in the State of Connecticut and urge all citizens to pay tribute to our school teachers.



  
GOVERNOR