



Governor M. Jodi Rell

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Dear Friends:

On February 17, 2010, I was joined by Connecticut residents of all ages to officially kick-off an exciting statewide celebration of our great state's 375th Anniversary. The event was a huge success and a fantastic start to our year-long commemoration of Connecticut's history and culture.

Through Executive Order No. 37, I have established a "375 Commission" charged with developing plans for events, commemorative memorabilia, fundraising and other important responsibilities to ensure Connecticut's 375th Anniversary is a very memorable one for all of us. In these difficult times, this celebration is something we need and can all look forward to this year.

As you know, municipalities, historical organizations, cultural groups, schools and others from across the state have annual events planned to celebrate their own town's historic beginnings. We would like to include your upcoming events in the "Special Events" section of our official Web site: www.ct375.com as well as ctvisit.com (the state's official tourism website). If you know of an event going on in your respective city or town that you would like listed on our site, please feel free to e-mail us the details at mail@ct375.com.

In addition, we are encouraging everyone to join us in marking Connecticut's 375th Anniversary by organizing your own events. Join us in paying tribute to those who came before us and helped shape the state we love. You can also download our logo and include the www.ct375.com link on your Web site to help us promote our historic milestone.

Connecticut has earned the reputation for being industrious, inventive and enduring. Let's celebrate it in grand fashion, because we all deserve it. In the meantime, if you have any questions or comments, please feel free to e-mail us at mail@ct375.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. Jodi Rell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, flowing "M" and "R".

Governor M. Jodi Rell