

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

*W*HEREAS, August 28, 2013 marks the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom and the inspirational “I Have a Dream” speech by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. who advocated for civil rights and racial equality; and

*W*HEREAS, on August 28, 1963, hundreds of thousands of Americans from diverse racial, ethnic and religious backgrounds marched to the memorial of Abraham Lincoln, who issued the Emancipation Proclamation, in the continuing pursuit of equality of citizenship; and

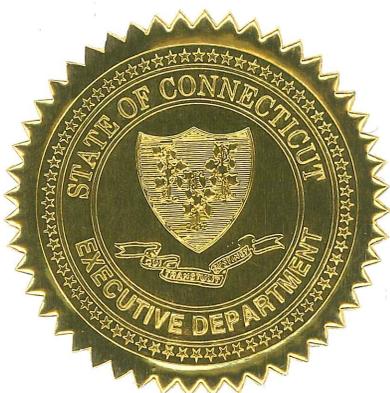
*W*HEREAS, the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom was a culmination of decades of struggles by civil rights, labor and religious organizations and individuals who believed in the American promise that this nation was dedicated to the belief that “all men are created equal”; and

*W*HEREAS, considered to be one of the largest political rallies for human rights in the United States’ history, the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom is widely credited with helping pass the Civil Rights Act in 1964 and the Voting Rights Act in 1965; and

*W*HEREAS, the State of Connecticut will participate in a day of remembrance by ringing bells at 3 PM throughout our state in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom and Dr. Martin Luther King’s “I Have a Dream” speech; now

*T*HEREFORE, I, Dannel P. Malloy, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby honor and recognize

**THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
MARCH ON WASHINGTON FOR JOBS AND FREEDOM
AND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING’S
“I HAVE A DREAM” SPEECH
in the State of Connecticut.**




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