

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

*W*HEREAS, a lack of physical activity plays a leading role in rising rates of obesity, diabetes and other health problems among children and being able to bicycle or walk to school offers an opportunity to build activity into daily routine; and

*W*HEREAS, driving students by private vehicle contributes to traffic congestion and air pollution; and

*W*HEREAS, community leaders and parents should determine the "bikeability" of their community and identify any potential challenges to safe bicycling using a bikeability checklist ; and

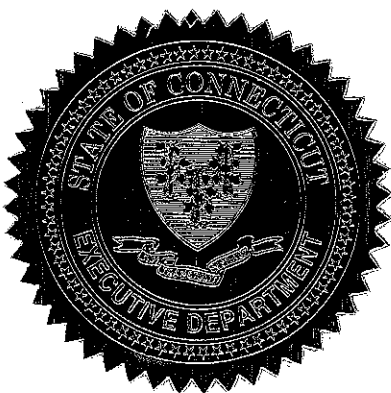
*W*HEREAS, community members and leaders should make a plan to enable children to safely bicycle and walk in our communities; and

*W*HEREAS, children, parents and community leaders around Connecticut should join together to improve bicycling and walking opportunities in their communities; and

*T*HEREFORE, I, DANIEL P. MALLOY, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby officially proclaim May 9, 2012, as

BIKE TO SCHOOL DAY
in the State of Connecticut

and to encourage everyone to consider the safety and health of children today and every day.



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