



By Her Excellency M. Jodi Rell, Governor: an

Official Statement

*W*HEREAS, Edward Alfred Foote, Sr. and the Foote Family became involved in land conservation over 40 years ago as they began preserving open space in the area surrounding their local farm; and

*W*HEREAS, during the latter half of the twentieth-century, the Foote Family noticed the housing development trend taking over prime Connecticut farmland, altering the State's rural areas; and

*W*HEREAS, under Edward Foote's leadership, Footehill Farms grew from an initial 150 acres to 850 acres through the purchases of small adjoining farmland gifts of land; and

*W*HEREAS, on May 20, 1986, the Foote Family filed an application to be considered as part of the State of Connecticut Program for Preservation of Agricultural Land; and

*W*HEREAS, through the application, the Foote Family sold development rights to over 300 acres of farmland to Connecticut, preserving the land for livestock watering, irrigation, wildlife habitation and community recreation; now

*T*HEREFORE, in recognition of their countless contributions to land preservation in our state, I, M. Jodi Rell, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby officially designate May 22, 2005, as the

FOOTE FAMILY DAY
in the State of Connecticut.



M. Jodi Rell
Governor