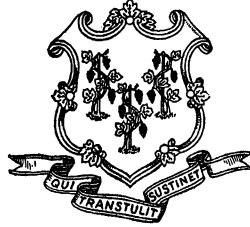


State of



Connecticut

By His Excellency JOHN G. ROWLAND, Governor: an

Official Statement

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut honors the materials industries which are among the oldest and most vital in Connecticut. Our manufacturing, defense, building trades, commerce, and transportation are some of the fields that rely heavily on the materials industries and its associated sciences; and

WHEREAS, the materials related professional societies of Connecticut include: the Southern Connecticut and Hartford Chapters of the ASM International (The Materials Information Society), Association of Women in the Metals Industry, National Association of Corrosion Engineers, the Society of Plastics Engineers, the American Welding Society and the University of Connecticut Metallurgy & Materials Engineering; and

WHEREAS, the members of these organizations share an ongoing commitment to the advancement of these industries by maintaining the highest degree of quality and professionalism in performance. These men and women continue to use their vast expertise to improve products and technology, and to help the industry grow through community outreach and education; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to increase the awareness of the contributions and advancements in the areas of metals, ceramics, and polymers, the societies support special orientation programs and sponsor numerous scholarships from grade school through the university, and technical college level in our state; and

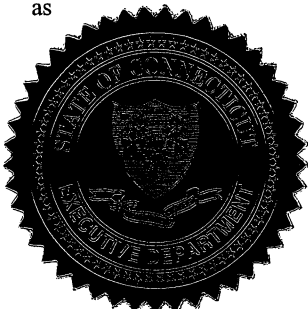
WHEREAS, they work to upgrade and expand the knowledge of professionals by providing educational courses and seminars covering new processes and techniques; and

WHEREAS, these Societies sponsor "Materials Week" in Connecticut to create a greater public awareness of the opportunities, achievements, and advancements that are made through materials; and

WHEREAS, this year a "Career Fair" will be conducted to excite high school students with the many facets available in the field of Material Science; now

THEREFORE, I, JOHN G. ROWLAND, Governor of the State of Connecticut, in recognition of their 27th anniversary, do hereby officially designate April 7-April 11, 2003 as

MATERIALS WEEK
in the State of Connecticut.



John G. Rowland
Governor