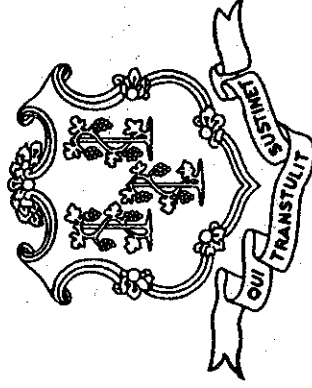


State of



Connecticut

By Her Excellency M. Jodi Rell, Governor: an

Official Statement

WHEREAS, Dr. Robbins Barstow will celebrate his 90th birthday on October 24th and has been a Connecticut resident from the age of eleven, while he and his wife of 67 years, Meg, have lived in Wethersfield since 1951; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Barstow graduated from Dartmouth in 1941, received his PhD in Educational Administration from the University of Connecticut School of Education in 1967, and worked for 34 years as Director of Professional Development for the Connecticut Education Association; and

WHEREAS, in tribute to his lifelong brilliance as an amateur filmmaker, ten of Dr. Barstow's family chronicles have been registered by the Library of Congress, and his 1955 "Disneyland Dreams" (featuring a cameo by then-teen actor-comedian Steve Martin) has been named to the National Film Registry as one of the finest examples of the home movie-making genre; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Barstow has more recently converted the whale films and videos that he has produced over the years into the Internet-accessible "Barstow Travel Adventure" whale film series; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Barstow is a Connecticut Treasure of international renown with his work to "Save the Whales" and has been appointed four times to serve on the U.S. delegation to the International Whaling Commission (IWC); and

WHEREAS, he co-founded and directed the Connecticut Cetacean Society (CCS) since 1974, and as Director Emeritus, continues to inspire and lead what has become the Connecticut-based Cetacean Society International (CSI), with its extraordinary worldwide significance to and influence for the welfare of whales, dolphins, porpoises and the marine environment; and

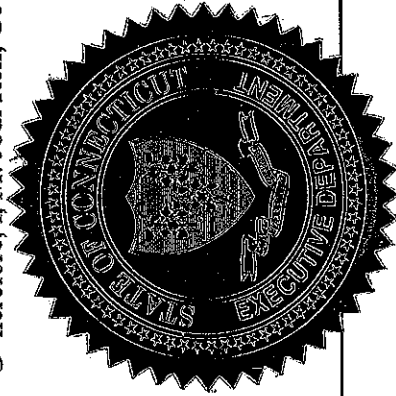
WHEREAS, thanks to Dr. Barstow's tireless work, the sperm whale was named Connecticut's state mammal, marking the significance of the whale to Connecticut's heritage; and


WHEREAS, due to his innovative leadership, West Hartford's beloved landmark of a life-sized, 60 foot sperm whale known as "Conny" was constructed at the Children's Museum of West Hartford; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Barstow has not only authored Meet the Great Ones, a children's book on whales, he has donated his entire collection of cetacean and marine related books to the University of Connecticut Avery Point Campus Library Marine Science Program, Mystic Seaport, and Mystic Aquarium, and is currently managing the "Robbins Barstow Marine Science Book Awards" to Connecticut high school seniors; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Robbins Barstow is a truly gentle man, a man of wisdom and wit, of foresight and historical perspective, of joy and determination, of quiet reason and powerful expression; now

Therefore, I, M. Jodi Rell, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby proclaim October 24, 2009, as
DR. ROBBINS BARSTOW DAY
in the State of Connecticut.




Governor