

Official Statement

WHEREAS, each year approximately 70 citizens of the State of Connecticut are diagnosed with Carcinoid Cancer; and

WHEREAS, Carcinoid Cancer is the result of changes in the gastrointestinal system neuroendocrine cells which cause these cells to grow too much and form slow growing microscopic tumors which, if untreated, can expand and create numerous symptoms and which could ultimately lead to death; and

WHEREAS, Carcinoid Cancer is commonly misdiagnosed, due to the symptomatic similarities to such diseases as Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS), anxiety or Crohns Disease; and

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Carcinoid Initiative, through voluntary contributions, is dedicated to finding cures for this disease through research efforts and dedicated to supporting those that suffer from the disease; and

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Carcinoid Initiative's purpose is to make health care providers in Connecticut more aware of and sensitive to the symptoms of carcinoid tumors and Carcinoid Syndrome. The initiative also works to ensure that treatment options are available to reduce the number of misdiagnoses of carcinoid patients, to enable earlier detection and treatment and to enhance the quality of life and survival; and


WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut is similarly committed to the eradication of this uncommon disease, supports the treatment of its citizens who suffer from it and encourages private efforts to enhance research funding and education programs that address it; now

THEREFORE, I, M. JODI RELL, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby designate the month of May 2005 as

CARCINOID CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Connecticut. I urge all our citizens to join me in the understanding of cancers and to encourage participation in voluntary activities to support education programs and fund research to find a cure.




Governor