



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

M. JODI RELL
GOVERNOR

May 27, 2010

Dear Chief Elected Official:

As you may be aware, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico has enacted a law which invalidates or cancels all birth certificates previously issued by the Commonwealth as of July 1, 2010. This new law represents a joint effort by the U.S. Department of State, U.S. Department of Homeland Security and Puerto Rico to address the fraudulent use of Puerto Rico-issued birth certificates.

The cancellation and invalidation of Puerto-Rico-issued birth certificates is expected to affect a significant number of Connecticut residents. As government officials, our responsibility is to curtail any potential concerns or questions related to this issue through communication and implementation of adequate procedures and mechanisms.

All executive branch agencies are currently undertaking a review of their responsibilities to determine the impact of this change on their daily operations. Any necessary changes to agency policies and procedures will be implemented no later than July 1, 2010. In addition, efforts are underway to ensure comprehensive communication of this issue across the State.

I encourage you to communicate this change to residents and make information available concerning replacement birth certificates in your public buildings. You may find additional information concerning this law at <http://www.prfaa.com/birthcertificates/>. Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions or concerns. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. Jodi Rell".

M. Jodi Rell
Governor