



## INNOVATIVE AUTISM NETWORK RECEIVES GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

(Plainville, CT) *June 4, 2010*- Innovative Autism Network (IAN) has received a gubernatorial proclamation from Gov. Jody Rell proclaiming Saturday June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010 as *Autism Spectrum Family and Friends Awareness Day* in Connecticut. “We believe that the education and awareness of family and friends of children with autism is one of the keys to their successful recovery.” said Marcela Nunez Owner and Director of Services for Innovative Autism Network.

This awareness and education is essential so carryover of skills and generalization can occur across all environments for the child. This is why IAN’s team consists not only of direct therapists, teachers and consultant but also parents, families and friends.

The proclamation will be read at the IAN dedication and grand opening to be held on Saturday June 5, 2010 from 11AM-2:30PM at 17 Farmington Avenue, Plainville, CT 06062. All families, children, caregivers, and educators are welcome. To RSVP please call (860)351-5407 or visit [www.ianevents.com](http://www.ianevents.com).

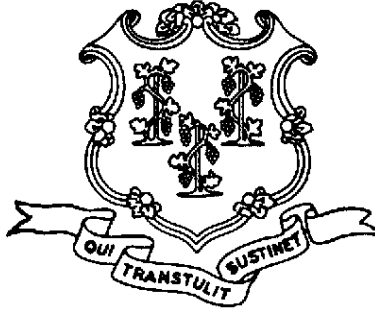
### About Innovative Autism Network

Every child can learn and that just like autism, every child is unique. It is this uniqueness that helps IAN offer an innovative roadmap of integrated therapies that build on their strengths and specific needs. This “Roadmap to Success” approach allows IAN to offer an environment, therapies and skills generalizations that will foster their success by maximizing their opportunities to learn. IAN provides speech, occupational and physical therapies in the framework of Applied Behavior Analysis methodology.

For more information on Innovative Autism Network visit [www.iannetwork.com](http://www.iannetwork.com) or call 860.351.5407.

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By Her Excellency M. Jodi Rell, Governor: an

## Official Statement

*W*HEREAS, Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) are a group of developmental disabilities that can cause significant social, communication, and behavioral challenges; and

*W*HEREAS, autism is a fast growing epidemic with one in every 110 children diagnosed and an estimated 1.5 million individuals in the United States affected by autism; and

*W*HEREAS, the cause of autism is not known but there are wide ranging symptoms and different levels of severity; and

*W*HEREAS, early intervention with integrated specialized therapies such as applied behavior analysis, speech, occupational, and physical therapies along with social and community-based support can put children with ASD on the road to recovery and allow them to enjoy integrated school settings, success in learning while contributing to their creativity, abilities, and knowledge; and

*W*HEREAS, the education, support, and nurturing of family and friends is key to this success; now

*T*HEREFORE, I, M. Jodi Rell, Governor of the State of Connecticut, in support of increased understanding and education that will aid in the effective treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorders, do hereby officially proclaim June 5, 2010, as

**AUTISM SPECTRUM FAMILY & FRIENDS AWARENESS DAY**

in the State of Connecticut.



*M. Jodi Rell*  
Governor