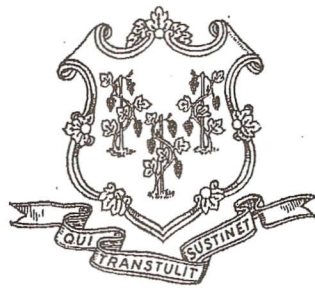


State of



Connecticut

By His Excellency JOHN G. ROWLAND, Governor: an

Official Statement

WHEREAS, Governor Samuel Huntington, of Scotland, Connecticut, was Connecticut's Governor from 1786-1796, and one of Connecticut's greatest sons, helping to shape the Nation through the signing of the Declaration of Independence, and presiding as President of the Continental Congress and the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, Samuel Huntington grew up on a 180-acre family farm bordering Merrick's Brook in Scotland Parish. Samuel's great-grandfather Simon was among the original settlers of Norwich in 1660, his grandfather Joseph was one of the founders of Windham and his father Nathaniel helped to establish the Scotland area as a separate parish of Windham; and

WHEREAS, Samuel Huntington began practicing law in the Connecticut colony in March of 1754, beginning in Windham and then moving to the larger and wealthier town of Norwich to capitalize on its economic and political opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Samuel Huntington was elected to important town and colony offices, and was elected to the Small Upper House of the General Assembly. He joined the "Sons of Liberty" in opposition to the Stamp Act, and became a dynamic leader during the Revolutionary War; and

WHEREAS, on July 4, 1776, Samuel Huntington, on behalf of Connecticut, signed the Declaration of Independence. The esteem with which he was held by Congress was evidenced by his election in 1779 to the first of two terms as president of the Continental Congress; and

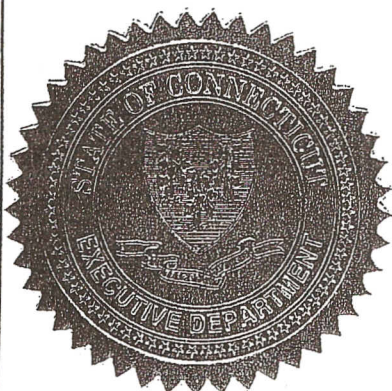
WHEREAS, while still President in 1781, the Articles of Confederation went into effect, creating the United States of America, thus making Samuel Huntington the first President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, on November 24, 2003, the Norwich Historical Society will hold a burial ceremony, returning the remains of Samuel and Martha Huntington to their newly restored tomb in Norwichtown Cemetery; now

THEREFORE, I, John G. Rowland, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby officially proclaim November 24, 2003 as

GOVERNOR SAMUEL HUNTINGTON DAY

in the State of Connecticut.



John G. Rowland
Governor