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Polish Genealogical Society of Connecticut and the Northeast

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the State of Connecticut, it is my pleasure to extend sincere greetings and welcome to all who are gathered for the conference sponsored by the Endowed Chair of the Polish and Polish-American Studies at Central Connecticut State University (CCSU) to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Polish Genealogical Society of Connecticut and the Northeast, held at CCSU.

The Polish Genealogical Society of Connecticut and the Northeast is an outstanding organization which promotes the research of Polish genealogy in the surrounding regions through Polish cemetery inscriptions, newspapers from various decades of Polish history, local and foreign resources, and information to help genealogists get a start on their family histories. Since its beginning 25 years ago, the Polish Genealogical Society has grown to assist many genealogists and significantly increased its large collection of resources.

This conference is a wonderful occasion to honor the many contributions of Polish-Americans to our communities and for the Society to continue working towards its goal of helping more Americans trace their ancestors and roots in Poland. I would like to take this opportunity to applaud the many dedicated society members who work tirelessly to ensure the success of novice and expert genealogists. I commend you for your generous contributions, distinguished service and outstanding leadership in supporting the society's mission.

It is a privilege to extend my words of tribute to all. Congratulations on the Polish Genealogical Society's 25th Anniversary!

Sincerely,

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

M. Jodi Rell
Governor

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