State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

National Siblings Day

WHEREAS, Siblings Day follows the spirit of Mother's Day, Father's Day and Grandparent's Day – great American traditions and celebrations of family-unit values; and

WHEREAS, Siblings Day is an uplifting celebration honoring people who have shaped our values, beliefs and ideals; and

WHEREAS, Siblings Day strengthens the family unit by reminding us that a bond with our siblings is forever a special gift; and

WHEREAS, because of the blood relationship, we look alike and enjoy feelings of closeness which may never be surpassed in any other relationship; and

WHEREAS, we must always remember that the strength of families is vital to the strength of our communities, state and nation; and

WHEREAS, these are lifelong relationships usually lasting from cradle to grave and usually the longest relationship of a persons life; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, **Lincoln D. Chafee**, Governor of the State of Rhode Island do hereby proclaim April 10, 2011, as **National Siblings Day** in Rhode Island and encourage all of its citizens to join me in recognizing the importance of this day and the values it promotes.

Given under my hand and the great seal of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, this 1ST day of April, 2011

Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor

A. Ralph Mollis
Secretary of State