State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

SteelDay

WHEREAS, the structural steel industry annually provides structural steel framing systems for more than one billion square feet of new building construction throughout Rhode Island and other states; and

WHEREAS, the structural steel industry provides employment for more than 185,000 workers in Rhode Island and other states; and

WHEREAS, the structural steel industry has demonstrated a significant commitment to sustainable construction through the use of structural steel products made from 93% recycled materials from old cars, appliances, stoves, manufacturing waste, curb-side recycling and deconstructed buildings; and

WHEREAS, 98% of the structural steel in a building is recycled at the end of the building's life; and

WHEREAS, structural steel's high strength-to-weight ratio and low carbon footprint help to minimize environmental impacts; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby proclaim September 28, 2012 as SteelDay in the State of Rhode Island and encourage all state residents to recognize the importance of this day.

Given under my hand and the great seal of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, this 30th day of August, 2012

Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor

A. Ralph Mollis
Secretary of State