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CONNECTICUT NETWORK CELEBRATES TENTH BIRTHDAY, LOOKS BACK ON DECADE OF BRINGING PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT TOGETHER

Hartford, CT – On the 10th of March 1999, an experiment in media, technology and civic engagement began in a quiet corner of Connecticut’s Legislative Office Building. A handful of staff launched the Connecticut Network by giving the Constitution State the first-ever gavel-to-gavel TV coverage of its House of Representatives. Today, the network is well-known throughout the state, and in an industry where commercial television programs are feted for their longevity at their hundredth episodes, CT-N celebrates its tenth anniversary on the air with more than 9,000 events and nearly 17,000 hours of original programming to its credit.

While chronicling many historic Connecticut moments of the last decade, the network has itself blossomed from limited distribution to national recognition, 24-hour availability in more than a million households and nearly a million online visitors each year. In the process, state government has grown more open and accessible to the people, and CT-N has provided a model for open government in the digital age.

“The ability to see one’s elected leaders in action is every citizen’s inherent right, but we’ve never been content to simply make government more accessible,” said Paul Giguere, network president and founder. “All of us at CT-N are committed to the ideal that educated, enfranchised, empowered citizens help to make our government and our society better and the network’s true purpose has always been to facilitate and inspire a higher level of civic engagement.”

CT-N is available full-time on expanded basic cable statewide. Visit ct-n.com to find the channel location for the network in your community or to watch online. All Connecticut Network programming is closed captioned for the hearing impaired.

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