



By His Excellency Ned Lamont, Governor: an
Official Statement

*W*HEREAS, on February 26, 1987, President Ronald Reagan officially declared Proclamation 5613 – formally recognizing March as National Disabilities Awareness Month, and calling for people across the United States to provide understanding, encouragement, and opportunities to help persons with disabilities to lead productive and fulfilling lives; and

*W*HEREAS, the month of March in Connecticut will be observed as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month – to raise awareness about the lives and rights of persons with disabilities, and to celebrate their contributions to our communities and society as a whole; and

*W*HEREAS, all individuals, agencies, and organizations supportive of people with disabilities are encouraged to recognize the month of March with appropriate observances and activities – directed toward increasing public awareness of the contributions and the potential of Americans with disabilities; and

*W*HEREAS, the mission of the Connecticut Department of Developmental Services is to partner with the individuals with developmental disabilities and their families – to support lifelong planning, and to join with others to create and promote meaningful opportunities for individuals to fully participate as valued members of their communities; now

*T*HEREFORE, I, Ned Lamont, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby officially proclaim March 2022 as

**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
AWARENESS MONTH**

in the State of Connecticut.



Ned Lamont

GOVERNOR