



By His Excellency Ned Lamont, Governor: an

# Official Statement

*WHEREAS*, Connecticut, moves forward in this third decade of the 21st century, our state's economic growth and prosperity depends upon fostering an innovative, entrepreneurial and inclusive environment where businesses have access to highly skilled employees and can grow and thrive; and

*WHEREAS*, Connecticut, as well as the nation, is grappling with the economic impacts of the global pandemic, the ongoing process of career development, including education, apprenticeships and workforce training, is more vital than ever in order for all individuals to maximize their personal potential, as well as for the continued health of our economy; and

*WHEREAS*, Connecticut is focused on providing career development opportunities to people of any age, ancestry, gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, or gender identity or expression as well as to justice-involved persons, individuals with disabilities, military service members and veterans, immigrants and refugees; and

*WHEREAS*, the State Apprenticeship Council assists the Office of Apprenticeship uphold the highest standards of registered apprenticeship with over 1,500 employers and more than 6,000 registered apprentices training in high skilled careers to become masters of their craft, transfer skills to future apprentices and contribute to the overall prosperity of our state and nation; and

*WHEREAS*, Connecticut can improve outcomes for our workers, businesses, students, and families by creating a comprehensive vision and strategy for rebuilding and growing our economy and building a system of collaboration, alignment, performance accountability and commitment to eliminating barriers to success whenever possible; and

*WHEREAS*, this year, many organizations will support the celebration of National Career Development Month, including the Connecticut Department of Labor, Governor's Workforce Council, educational institutions, economic development and human service agencies, private employers, labor unions, and other partners; and

*WHEREAS*, the goals of these institutions include informing the public about career development services, how to utilize them, where to access them, and building public understanding of the importance of career development; now

*THEREFORE*, I, Ned Lamont, Governor of the State of Connecticut, in recognition and support of these goals and in tribute to those professionals who provide career guidance, counseling, and development services in a variety of settings, do hereby proclaim November 2020 as

## CAREER DEVELOPMENT MONTH

in the State of Connecticut.



*Ned Lamont*  
GOVERNOR