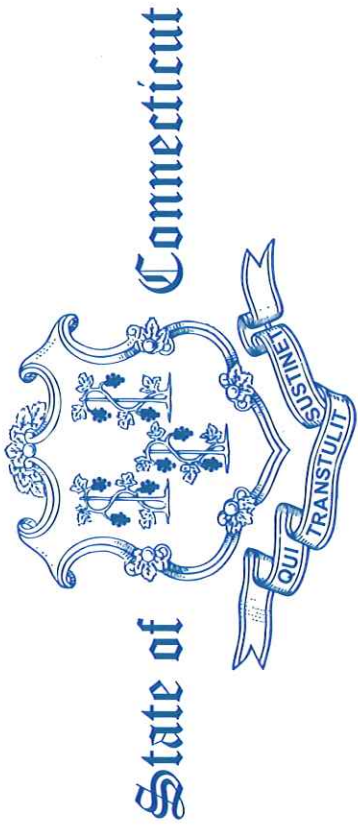




By His Excellency Ned Lamont, Governor: an
Official Statement

WHEREAS, Connecticut's farmers supply fresh, nutritious, and locally grown foods that support the health and well-being of children across our state; and

WHEREAS, Connecticut Grown for Connecticut Kids Week - established under Section 22-38d of the Connecticut General Statutes and held annually during the first full week of October - celebrates Connecticut agriculture, public education, and the shared commitment to providing healthy meals to students; and

WHEREAS, schools, farmers, food service professionals, legislators, and community partners come together each year to highlight farm-to-school connections through taste tests, classroom lessons, school gardens, and the serving of CT Grown products in meals; and

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Grown for Connecticut Kids initiative strengthens local supply chains, supports farmer viability, and keeps food dollars within Connecticut by expanding opportunities for producers to partner with schools; and

WHEREAS, participation in farm to school efforts enhances student nutrition, fosters agricultural literacy, builds meaningful connections between children and the land, and provides hands on educational experiences that support academic and social development; and

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut recognizes the essential contributions of the many organizations, educators, producers, and community leaders who collaborate to make Connecticut Grown for Connecticut Kids Week a success in cafeterias, classrooms, and communities across the state; now

THEREFORE, I, Ned Lamont, Governor of the State of Connecticut -- in celebration of Connecticut agriculture, in recognition of the dedication of our students, schools, and farmers, in support of increasing access to fresh, locally grown foods for all children, and in conjunction with National Farm to School Month -- do hereby officially proclaim the week of October 5th to 9th, 2026, to be

**CONNECTICUT GROWN FOR
CONNECTICUT KIDS WEEK**

in the State of Connecticut.



Ned Lamont

GOVERNOR