



**Ned Lamont**  
GOVERNOR  
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**DECLARATION OF THE EXISTENCE OF EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES**

**BY HIS EXCELLENCY**

**NED LAMONT, GOVERNOR**

Pursuant to Article XXVIII of the Amendments to the Connecticut Constitution and Sections 2-33a and 3-20(bb) of the Connecticut General Statutes, I, Ned Lamont, Governor of the State of Connecticut, hereby declare the existence of extraordinary circumstances necessitating (1) the alteration of Section 4-30a of the Connecticut General Statutes to allow for the remaining unencumbered balance of those funds that were originally set aside by Special Act 25-1 of the November Special Session to continue to be set aside, through the end of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, to prepare for the suspension of or the reduction to the amount of federal funds provided to support programs that Connecticut residents rely upon, and (2) the continuation of the authority to expend such remaining balance in excess of the general budget expenditure cap for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, to respond to the policy impacts of P.L. 119-21 and to mitigate any action, or inaction, by the federal government that results in a reduction in funding for any program in this State.

The declaration is based on the following:

**1. Federal Public Law 119-21**

P.L. 119-21 makes program changes whose likely impact will be to reduce funding that the federal government will provide to support programs in the state of Connecticut. Such funding reductions are scheduled to commence during the state fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and will be fully implemented over the coming years.

**2. Impending Further Federal Legislation and Administrative Actions**

In addition to reductions directly attributable to P.L. 119-21, other pending federal legislation and potential federal administrative actions have and continue to threaten to further reduce the funding provided by the federal government to support programs upon which our residents rely.

### **3. Original Declaration – November 12, 2025**

On November 12, 2025, I issued a Declaration of the Existence of Extraordinary Circumstances that authorized the General Assembly to enact legislation to (1) temporarily increase the size of the Budget Reserve Fund by \$500 million through the end of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and (2) expend such additional \$500 million, in excess of the State's expenditure cap, until the start of the 2026 regular

session of the Connecticut General Assembly, for the purposes of addressing any immediate needs associated with any action, or inaction, by the federal government that resulted in a reduction of funding for programs in this state.

### **4. Special Act 25-1**

In accordance with my declaration, the General Assembly enacted Special Act 25-1 of the November Special Session, which, in part, appropriated \$500 million from the Budget Reserve Fund to the Office of Policy and Management for the purposes of addressing any immediate needs associated with any action, or inaction, by the federal government. Of the \$500 million that was appropriated, \$169,188,046 was encumbered, leaving a balance of \$330,811,954 that was not encumbered and lapses today, the first day of the 2026 regular session of the General Assembly.

### **5. Continued Need to Prepare for Federal Reductions**

The circumstances which led me to make my declaration dated November 12, 2025, continue to exist. Therefore, it remains prudent to continue to make the balance of the unencumbered funds available for the purposes of supporting programs that Connecticut residents rely upon.

### **6. Pending Legislative Action**

Senate Bill 83, as set forth in LCO No. 448, provides for the unencumbered balance of funds appropriated by Special Act 25-1 of the November Special Session to continue to be set aside in a new Federal Cuts Response Fund and be appropriated for purposes of supporting programs that Connecticut residents rely upon. Pursuant to such Bill, the funds transferred to the new Fund and appropriated from it will be available for such purposes through the end of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027.

Accordingly, to address these extraordinary circumstances, I declare that it is reasonable and prudent to (1) alter Section 4-30a of the Connecticut General Statutes to allow \$330,811,954, which is the unencumbered balance of the funds set aside by Special Act 25-1 of the November Special Session, to be transferred to and continue to be set aside in a separate fund to prepare for the suspension of or the reduction to the amount of federal funds provided to support programs that Connecticut residents rely upon, and (2) continue the previous authorization to expend state resources, in excess of the amount of general budget expenditures allowable under Article XXVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution of the State of Connecticut and Section 2-33a of the Connecticut General Statutes, during the fiscal year

ending June 30, 2026, in the amount of \$330,811,954 as set forth in Senate Bill 83, LCO No. 448, from a separate fund to respond to the policy impacts of P.L. 119-21 and to mitigate any action, or inaction, by the federal government that results in a reduction in funding for any program in this State.

Moreover, this additional expenditure shall not be considered general budget expenditures for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, for the purposes of determining general budget expenditures for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027.

Additionally, in accordance with Section 4-85 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I declare that it will be necessary to modify certain allotment requisitions during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, due to the changes attributable to these extraordinary circumstances.

This declaration is submitted to the General Assembly for acknowledgement in accordance with Article XXVIII of the Amendments to the Connecticut Constitution and Sections 2-33a and 3-20(bb) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut, this 4th day of February 2026.

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