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STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
**TREASURER SHAWN T. WOODEN**

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**STATEMENT OF STATE TREASURER SHAWN T. WOODEN  
ON OPENING DAY OF THE 2021 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

**Hartford, CT** – Today, State Treasurer Shawn T. Wooden joined members of the Connecticut General Assembly outside of the Capitol for the swearing-in ceremony of lawmakers and in celebration of the opening day of the 2021 legislative session.

“As the 2021 legislative session begins, the pandemic, and all the havoc it has caused families across CT, remains top of mind for those of us in public service. While Connecticut is better financially situated to navigate the economic downturn compared to other states and is on track with the vaccine distribution process, thousands of Connecticut families continue to struggle. I am confident that state lawmakers and local officials can work together this legislative session to enact policies that will enable us to emerge from this crisis as a stronger, fairer, and more resilient state.

While Connecticut has the highest annual income per capita in the country, it also has one of the highest rates of income inequality in the nation, and economic disparities have only been exacerbated as a result of the pandemic. We also know that communities of color have been disproportionately impacted by the pandemic, and have an increased risk of getting sick and dying from COVID-19, a statistic that is directly linked to the pre-existing racial and economic disparities throughout Connecticut. This session, I look forward to working closely with the General Assembly to support and put forth a number of initiatives that will protect Connecticut residents’ health, support municipal economies and help address long standing systemic and racial disparities.”

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