



By His Excellency Ned Lamont, Governor: an
Official Statement

WHEREAS, there is a continuum of services to ensure a robust system exists to help raise awareness, empower people with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities (ID/DD), and recommend methods to ensure the individuals we support are healthy, safe, and respected as valued members of their communities; and

WHEREAS, the international hashtag, #itsnotok, is designed to raise awareness and promote the prevention of sexual abuse and assault; and

WHEREAS, no one person, organization, agency, or community can eliminate the sexual abuse and/or assault of people with ID/DD on their own but we can work collectively to educate our entire population about they can empower people with ID/DD to identify, prevent, intervene, and bring awareness to sexual abuse and/or assault; and

WHEREAS, Sexual Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for the citizens of the state to learn more about sexual abuse and/or assault and its impact on people with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities (ID/DD); and

WHEREAS, the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) is launching the hashtag, #itsnotokCT, to bring awareness to the issue of sexual abuse and/or assault in the ID/DD community and to promote methods of prevention as well as methods of empowerment for those within the ID/DD community; and

WHEREAS, we ask all citizens of Connecticut to support prevention and bring awareness to sexual abuse and/or assault of people with ID/DD through empowerment, education, and collaboration. In addition, we encourage the citizens of Connecticut to share #itsnotokCT, share information and resources, and share stories for individuals with ID/DD, in an effort to promote the appropriate action; now

THEREFORE, I, Ned Lamont, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby officially proclaim April 2021
as

SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Connecticut.



Ned Lamont

GOVERNOR