

By His Excellency Ned Lamont, Governor: an

Official Statement

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is a progressive and irreversible brain disease and is the most common form of dementia that affects over 90,000 individuals and their families in Connecticut, impacting memories, thinking, behavior, independence, and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease remains the seventh leading cause of death in the Unites States; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize that there are 130,000 caregivers in Connecticut providing 205 million hours of care to people living with dementia at an approximate value of \$5.3 billion dollars; and

MHEREAS, risk reduction, early detection, access to care, and the development of new treatments can improve quality of life and offer hope to individuals and families affected by Alzheimer's disease; and

MEREAS, the Departments of Public Health and Aging and Disability Services are leading efforts to implement the Connecticut State Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias focusing on improving statewide coordination, increasing public knowledge and awareness, workforce development, best practices for early diagnosis and treatment, community support for those living with the disease and their care partners, and data to support these efforts; and

WHEREAS, throughout the month of November, organizations, healthcare providers, advocates, and communities come together to provide education, resources, and support, while also honoring the dedication of caregivers and the courage of those living with Alzheimer's disease; now

THEREFORE, I, Ned Lamont, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby officially designate the month of November 2025, as

ALZHEIMER'S AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Connecticut.

